

Spring Update

VPS & CCPH COVID Case Updates

VEA will continue to provide updates to members to include VPS cases as well as the weekly case count for Clark County. VPS is also providing public access to a [VPS COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#). We encourage members to share these details to support full communication and transparency.

Since February 1, 2021, VPS has reported:

NEW! Tuesday, 3/16:

- positive case at iTech Prep, no close contacts, transmission location not school-based

Monday, 3/15:

- positive case at Lake Shore ES, no close contacts, transmission location not school-based

Friday, 3/12:

- positive case at Fort Vancouver HS, close contacts with staff, transmission location not school-based
- positive case at Columbia River HS, close contacts with staff and students, transmission location not school-based

Thursday, 3/11:

- Positive case at Discovery MS, close contacts

Tuesday, 3/9:

- positive case at Jefferson MS, no close contacts, transmission location not school-based

Wednesday, 3/4:

- positive case at Gaiser MS, no close contacts, transmission location not school-based
- presumed positive case at Lake Shore ES, close contacts with staff and a student, transmission location not school-based

Friday, 2/26:

- positive case at Marshall ES, close contacts

Saturday, 2/20:

- positive case at Marshall ES, close contacts with staff and students, transmission location not school-based

Wednesday, 2/10:

- positive case at Jefferson MS, close contacts, transmission location not school-based

Tuesday, 2/9:

- [King confirmed an "outbreak site," elaborated in this message](#)

Friday, 2/5:

- positive student case at Chinook ES, no close contacts, school-based transmission; [Chinook confirmed an "outbreak site," elaborated in this message](#)
- positive case at Gaiser MS, no close contacts, transmission location not school-based

Monday, 2/1:

- positive case at Discovery MS, close contacts

Since February 1, 2021, CCPH has reported:

Mar 15: 88.8 cases per 100,000
 Mar 9: 103.4 cases per 100,000
 Mar 2: 105.4 cases per 100,000
 Feb 23: 137.0 cases per 100,000
 Feb 16: 209.8 cases per 100,000
 Feb 9: 262.2 cases per 100,000
 Feb 2: 310.54 cases per 100,000

March Meeting between CCPH, EA Presidents and District Superintendents

Local Presidents from Vancouver and WEA Riverside had another opportunity to meet with Dr. Melnick, Clark County Public Health Director, along with district superintendents, last week via Zoom. EA Presidents attempted to address several areas of member concern in an effort to receive direct response/guidance. Here are the [minutes taken during this meeting](#) for your reference.

Following that meeting, labor leaders from VEA, VAESP, VAPA and SEIU signed on to a [joint communication](#) with VPS to provide VPS staff with reminders and references related to vaccination for those who are still discerning their plans. Regardless of your decision around vaccination, VEA wants to emphasize the following message from Tuesday's communication:

*"As we look forward to spring break, we must continue to be diligent in following preventive measures that keep us safe: **wearing a mask, maintaining physical distance, avoiding large gatherings and frequently washing hands...** Thank you for your continued efforts to keep yourself and others safe."*

Represent VEA on the WEA Board of Directors!

Are you interested in representing VEA at the state level? VEA has a current WEA Board Director position opening for the remainder of the term ending July 2022 and we encourage interested members to apply – all VEA leaders: past, present, and emerging, are welcome!

Please complete and submit an [application](#) to cbrown@washingtonea.org no later than 5PM on Thursday, 4/1 to be considered. This vacancy will be appointed by the VEA President and moved for approval by the VEA Representative Council at the April 19th meeting.

The duty of the WEA Board is to carry out the program and policies set at the annual WEA Representative Assembly and to exercise the general authority of the Representative Assembly between its annual meetings.

VEA is grateful to Mona Rominger who has served as one of two VEA Representatives to the WEA Board Directors for the past several years! Kari Van Nostran, VEA President will continue as the other VEA Representative to the WEA Board.

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