

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! Thursday, 3/25:

- **two (2) positive cases at Columbia River HS, close contacts, affected areas of the building were cleaned and disinfected Thursday night.**

Thursday, 3/18:

- positive case at Ogden ES, close contacts with students, transmission location not school-based

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 23: 90.5 cases per 100,000
 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

School Board Study Session:

Tuesday, 3/30 @ 5 PM

Please join us tomorrow/Tuesday, 3/30 @ 5 PM for a Special Board Study Session via Zoom Webinar. **Among other agenda items, the Board will receive a Superintendent's Report on recent updates to CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing in schools.** If you missed Governor Inslee's public address late last week, [a copy of his most recent proclamation can be found here](#); page 5 of the linked document speaks to several requirements VPS is already fulfilling as they relate to hybrid instruction in addition to the "permitted, but not required" reference to following updated CDC guidance for social distancing. A link to the updated CDC guidance is embedded on page 5 of the document as well.

Public comment pertaining to agenda items will be heard towards the beginning of this study session. Requests to make Zoom public comments can be submitted to VPSBoard.Directors@vansd.org by noon tomorrow/Tuesday, 3/30. Citizens wishing to address the Board must submit their full name and address for the record. Those signed up will have three minutes to address the Board.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://vansd.zoom.us/j/83534278299>

Represent VEA on the WEA Board!

Are you interested in representing VEA at the state level? VEA is still accepting applications from members interested in being considered for the current WEA Board Director position opening. The appointment would be for the remainder of the current 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.

Thank you for your input!

The VEA Search and Hire Commission is grateful to the 200+ members who shared their input on qualities/experience to prioritize as well as potential interview questions as we continue to prepare for considering candidates for the upcoming VEA Executive Director vacancy!

VEA will continue receiving applications through March 31 and begin reviewing applications and conducting background/reference checks after Spring Break!

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