

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 March 1, 2021, VPS has reported:

NEW! Thursday, 4/15:

- positive case at Hudson's Bay HS, close contacts, affected areas of the building were cleaned and disinfected Thursday night
- positive case at Washington ES, close contacts, affected areas of the building were cleaned and disinfected

NEW! Thursday, 4/8:

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

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

Since March 1, 2021, CCPH has reported:

NEW! Apr 13: 139.82 cases per 100,000

NEW! Apr 6: 110.2 cases per 100,000

Mar 30: 105.6 cases per 100,000

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

Increasing In-Person Learning

Before Spring Break, VPS announced they would review physical space and logistical possibilities/limitations as they consider increasing in-person learning offerings for students K-12. This was in response to [updated CDC guidance](#), allowing 3-foot social distancing in classroom settings at some or all levels if mask-wearing is universal and under certain community transmission circumstances.

Join us for tomorrow/Tuesday's VPS School Board Workshop, beginning at 5 PM, when **VPS Admin will present their proposal for increases in in-person learning.**

When: Apr 20, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: VPS Board Workshop

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://vansd.zoom.us/j/82856593572>

VEA leadership is scheduled to discuss those details presented at Tuesday's Workshop with VPS admin the following Wednesday, 4/21.

25% Off at Vancouver Mall Maurices Store:

This Saturday, April 24th the [Vancouver Mall location of Maurices](#) is hosting an educator-event! Bring your VPS ID and shop between the hours of 11 AM and 8 PM to receive a 25% discount on any regularly-priced items for purchase! You can also enter your name into a raffle to win a gift basket! Happy shopping!

Spring/Summer WEA Certification Trainings

WEA is offering a new series of [spring and summer trainings](#) to help you navigate your next steps with your certification. All trainings are online, open only to WEA members and provide free clock hours. There are several certification training programs that might be of interest to you:

Certification 101: Free, 2-hour trainings to help educators understand the latest state certification requirements for teachers, CTE teachers and Educational Staff Associates (ESAs)

Professional Growth Plan (PGP) Support: Free, 2-3-hour trainings to support certificated educators to create PGPs for certificate renewal and salary advancement purposes

National Board Information Sessions: Free, 2-hour training options to support certificated educators considering National Board Certification process through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

National Board Certification Jump Start: \$75 registration fee, with scholarship options available; Multiple 3-hour modules over the course of one or two weeks; Focus on the four required assessment components; relevant for new candidates beginning the National Board Certification process in 2021-22

All trainings are led by WEA's amazing Certification Cadre and National Board trainers. Trainers are all practicing educators and will support you through a variety of online instructional approaches. You can [learn more about course content, training dates and register here.](#)