

September Update

VPS COVID Case Updates

VPS is now providing daily staff communications regarding cases, so VEA will no longer list the data in the member updates. Please email your building COVID Coordinator with a cc to VEA if there are any concerns regarding the reported data. VEA will continue to provide the weekly case counts for Clark County (to the right). VPS is also providing public access to a [VPS COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#).

CCPH COVID Updates

Since July 21, 2022 CCPH has reported:
Aug 25: 88.9 cases per 100,000 people
 Aug 11: 121.2 cases per 100,000
 Aug 4: 153.2 cases per 100,000
 July 28: 170.1 cases per 100,000
 July 21: 178.3 cases per 100,000

COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Schools

New information was released from the Washington Department of Health about [COVID-19 health and safety guidance for schools this fall](#). Following these safety measures reduces the spread of COVID-19. Please visit the [VEA website](#) for further COVID information.

Also, *stay tuned* for an update on the 2022-2023 COVID MOU between VEA and VPS!

Fun Facts About Labor Day

- First Labor Day celebration was on September 5, 1882 in New York City
- In 2012, Dolores Huerta received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her long-standing fight for immigrants, women, minorities, at-risk youth, and LGBTQ+ Americans.
- The National Education Association (NEA) is the largest in the United States with more than 3 million members.



Ways to Get Involved THIS Labor Day

1. *(From your cozy couch!)*: Sign petitions and/or messages to School Boards to support contract negotiation disputes over manageable class sizes, caseloads, and wages for: [Kent Educators](#), [Ridgefield Educators](#), [Seattle Educators](#), [Port Angeles Educators](#), and [Eatonville Educators](#)
2. *(And... from your favorite outdoor chill spot)*: [Post this image](#) to your *personal* social media accounts to support Ridgefield educators in ongoing contract discussions with RSD!
3. *Even better...*bring your friends and family to the

**SW Washington Central Labor Council
Labor Day Picnic**

Monday, Sept. 5th
11am to 3pm at Haydu Park
 253 Kalama River Road
 Kalama, WA 98625

food *games* *music*

**Empower your Union-Flexing Muscles:
Attend a Training**

- **Labor Notes 101:** Meet Your Fellow Troublemakers: [September 7](#), 5-6pm on Zoom (free)
- ***Stewards Workshop:** Gripe or Grievance?: [September 20](#), 5-6:30pm on Zoom

**Offering geared towards current VEA Building/Constituent Reps or other VEA Leaders – VEA will reimburse minimal cost – please contact cbrown@washingtonea.org)*



**How Hot is Your Workspace:
Too Hot to Handle?**

E-mail your building operator and building admin, and cc VEA with the room temperature and how student learning is being impacted to request a remedy!

VEA 2022-2023 Hours

The VEA office is open 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Thursday and 8:00am to 4:00pm Friday. Exceptions such as holidays, member gatherings, off-site trainings, or other VEA business may occasionally impact those hours.