



# KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 27, 2021

Dear Kelso Families,

This is the weekly status update, which occurs each Tuesday.

Yesterday was an incredible day in Kelso! Our hybrid students started in-person learning four (4) days a week for the first time in over a year. Students were excited to see each other again, teachers were well-prepared, and everyone did a great job of following safety protocols. Making this happen took quite a team effort, and I could not be more proud of our amazing staff and students. While the first day of having all our hybrid students back in-person went really well, we continue to modify and improve our practices to provide the safest and most welcoming learning environment possible.



## **Instructional Status**

- All K-12 students are in hybrid instruction (in-person four (4) days a week) and/or Kelso Virtual Academy.

As always, the health and well-being of our students and staff are our top priority. We remain diligent in our safety protocols, continue to work with the Department of Health, and monitor our four key metrics on a weekly basis. Timelines and instructional models are subject to change depending on our overall community health conditions.

## **Health and Safety Reminder**

Vaccinated or not, please remember to continue to practice safety measures so we can all keep each other safe: wear a mask, watch your distance, wash your hands often, check your health daily, and stay home when sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms that are not caused by another ([see Flowchart for more information](#))

## Changes in Meal Distribution Reminder

As hybrid students are learning in-person every weekday except Wednesday, **meals will be distributed on Wednesdays only.** [Click here for pick up locations and times.](#)

## KSD COVID-19 Transmission Dashboard

- Kelso has had zero school-based student transmissions since November 12, 2020.

## Cowlitz County Data per WA State's Official COVID-19 Dashboard

- The most current data shows COVID-19 activity in Cowlitz County at 338.5 cases per 100,000 people in the reporting period of 4/5– 4/18. **This rate includes confirmed AND probable cases.**
- COVID-19 hospitalization for Cowlitz County is at 10.9 per 100,000 people in the reporting period of 4/9– 4/15.
- Positivity rate for Cowlitz County is 13.6% for the time period of 4/2 – 4/8. When this data point is current, it will be one of the metrics used to inform our decisions.



# KSD WEEKLY STATUS UPDATE

REV: 4-27-21

## OUR 4 KEY METRICS

WEEK OF APR 26

**STATUS**  
**APR 26-30**

**K-12: Hybrid**

**In-Person**  
**Small Groups**  
Internet Cafe  
Special Education

**KVA: Remote**

The Washington State Department of Health's (DoH's) K-12 Schools 2020-2021 Guidance provides information for *how* to resume in-person instruction.

[K-12 Schools 2020-2021 Guidance](#)  
(rev. 3-25-21)

## KSD DASHBOARD

### 1. TRANSMISSION IN SCHOOLS

For historical data, visit the KSD COVID-19 Dashboard at [bit.ly/ksd-c19](http://bit.ly/ksd-c19).

**0** school-based student-to-student transmission

**0** classrooms closed due to COVID-19

**0** schools closed due to COVID-19

## WA DASHBOARD

### 2. COVID-19 ACTIVITY

**Cases per 100k in Cowlitz County**  
Includes confirmed **AND probable** cases. Case counts should be interpreted with caution.

**338.5** cases per 100k  
APR 5 - 18  
per [WA State](#)

### 3. COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATION In Cowlitz County

Rate of newly hospitalized COVID-19 patients per 100k in the past week

**10.9**  
APR 9 - 15  
per [WA State](#)

### 4. POSITIVITY RATE\*

Percent of Cowlitz County tests that are positive  
Goal <10% positivity

**13.6%**  
APR 2 - 8 per [WA State](#)

*\*When this data point is current, it will be one of the metrics used to inform our decisions.*

## Daily Health Check Reminder

Please remember to perform the required daily [health check](#) on your child every morning before sending them to school. Additionally, [this form](#) must be signed and on file at your child's school. (Form [in Spanish](#) and [in Chuukese](#).)

## Resources to Watch

- [Kelso School District COVID-19 dashboard](#) - Provides information on classroom or school closures recommended by Cowlitz County Department of Health due to COVID-19 activity and confirmed positive **school-based** COVID-19 cases in students.
- [Washington State's official COVID-19 site](#) - maintained by the state Joint Information Center, this page contains data by county, region, and state.
- [Department of Health K-12 Schools 2020-21 Guidance](#) – Use this guidance to inform how to resume in-person instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [Vaccine Information](#) – Find information on where to get the COVID-19 vaccine via Cowlitz County Health & Human Services.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Respectfully,

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