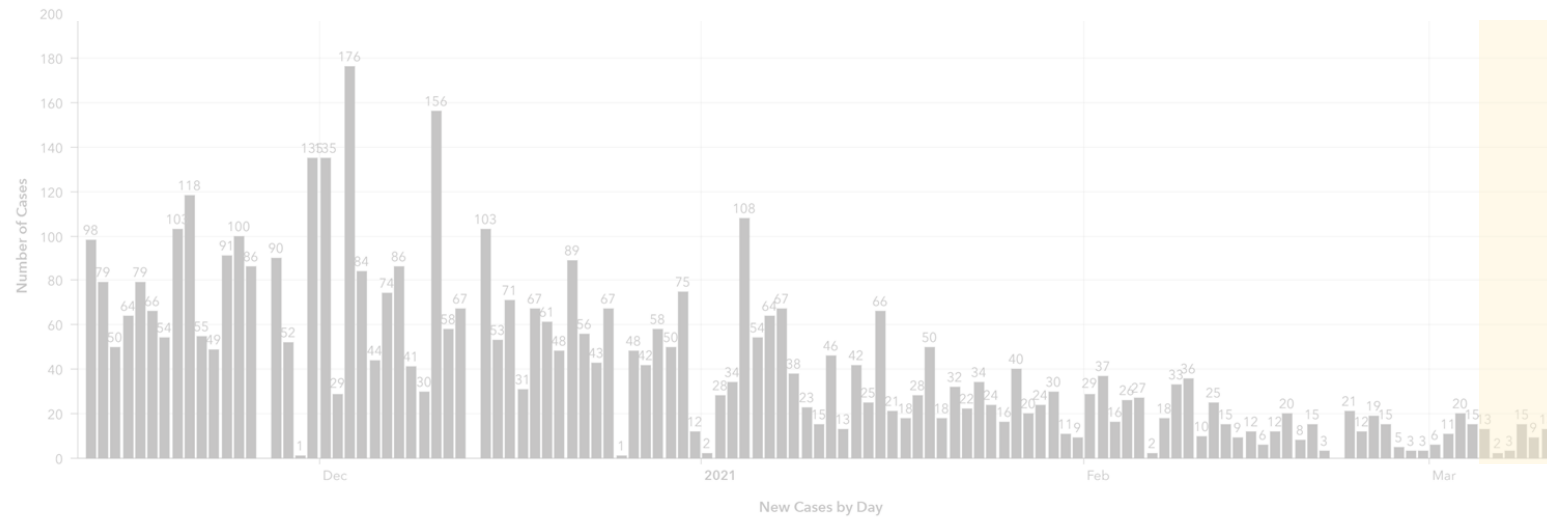




Weekly Report: Monitored Health Indicators
 March 12th, 2021: (03/05 to 03/11)



Note: Data run on a Friday to Thursday cycle. Composite data is reported on Friday but reflects totals from the seven previous days. Positive cases reported on a given day reflect testing results compiled from the previous day.

Monitored Health Indicators: Weekly Data

Local Metrics*	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/25	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26	3/5	3/12
Positive county cases per day	64.7 (avg)	76.7 (avg)	73.0 (avg)	56.4 (avg)	49.7 (avg)	43.5 (avg)	35.4 (avg)	32.2 (avg)	27.2 (avg)	22.5 (avg)	22.4 (avg)	11.5 (avg)	12.1 (avg)	9.4 (avg)	8.7 (avg)
Positive county cases per day (per 100,000)	93.7	111.1	105.7	81.7	72.0	63.1	51.3	46.7	39.5	32.7	32.5	16.7	17.5	13.6	12.6
Positive county cases per week	453	537	511	395	348	305	248	226	191	158	157	81	85	66	61
Positive county cases per week (per 100,000)	656.5	778.2	740.5	572.4	504.3	441.0	359.4	327.5	276.8	228.9	227.5	117.3	123.1	95.6	88.4
Positivity rate for week	25.9%	26.5%	12.1%	15.4%	29.2%	19.0%	15.2%	14.7%	14.5%	10.2%	8.7%	9.1%	8.8%	7.5%	TBD
District Metrics	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/25	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26	3/5	3/12
Confirmed Student Cases (week)	34	33	35	12	8	24	16	25	29	19	5	11	10	7	3
Confirmed Employee Cases (week)	6	9	17	2	9	6	8	7	6	2	6	1	3	2	2
Vacancies (week)	200	370	423	NA	NA	275	283	164	292	291	333	235	275	320	340
Fill Rate (week)	90%	84%	85%	NA	NA	90%	90%	81%	83%	74%	74%	85%	92%	85%	86%
Employees Impacted by Quarantine (current number)												15	17	16	9
Identified Close Contacts (Classroom)												Start 2/26	14	11	3
Identified Close Contacts (Non-Classroom)												Start 2/26	0	0	5

- Trending Negatively
- Trending Positively
- No Distinguishable Trend

*Reported metrics are derived from daily and weekly data updates provided by [Lewis & Clark Public Health](#)
Data recorded Friday to Thursday, capturing positive cases from the day prior.

Monitored Health Indicators: Definitions

Local Metrics	Definitions
Positive county cases (day)	The average number of cases from the last seven (7) days.
Positive county cases (day per 100,000)	This data point is based on the below-noted Positive County Cases (week per 100,000) metric. This data point is a simple seven-day average based on the corresponding week/seven-day number.
Positive county cases per (week)	The raw number of confirmed, reported cases within Lewis & Clark County across the last seven (7) days.
Positive county cases (week per 100,000)	Often referred to as “case incidence,” this data point is based on the above-noted, Positive Cases Per Week metric. This per 100,000 residents number has been scaled to equate our county population to 100,000 residents.
Positivity rate (week)	The percentage of lab-confirmed tests that are determined to be positive for COVID-19 (not the total number of positive tests)
District Metrics	Definitions
Confirmed Student Cases (week)	The total number students that have been reported confirmed positive test results for COVID-19. This number is the total from across the past seven (7) days, Saturday through Friday.
Confirmed Employee Cases (week)	The total number employees that have been reported confirmed positive test results for COVID-19. This number is the total from across the past seven (7) days, Saturday through Friday.
Vacancies (week)	The total number of employee absences (all positions) within a given week (Monday through Friday)
Fill Rate (week)	The rate of absent positions filled with a substitute/guest teacher. Unfilled positions typically require internal coverage from non-substitutes/guest teachers. Coverage is not included in this weekly rate – Only the percentage of positions filled with a substitute/guest teacher.
Employees Impacted by Quarantine (current number)	The number of employees currently impacted and unable to attend their position in-person due to a quarantine. This number is a snapshot in time representing the number of employees each Friday.
Identified Close Contacts (Classroom)	The number of students and/or employees identified as a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case, resulting in a mandatory quarantine. The “classroom” number represents close contacts identified through classroom-related exposure. The “non-classroom” number represents close contacts that results from potential exposure outside the classroom (siblings, carpools, extracurriculars, etc.)
Identified Close Contacts (Non-Classroom)	



Status Update

03/12: Grades PK-8 and PAL have successfully transitioned to Phase II with Helena High and Capital High set to transition this coming Monday. As a district, we will continue to monitor the implementation of this phase and consider potential areas of improvement. At this time, Phase II remains consistent with the details that were communicated in February ([link](#)). Phase II start dates, by level, are listed below.

- *Grades K-2: Transitioned to Phase II on Monday, February 22nd*
- *Grades 3-5: Transition to Phase II on Monday, March 1st*
- *Grades 6-8: Transition to Phase II on Monday, March 8th*
- *Grades 9-12: Transition to Phase II on Monday, March 15th*

On Tuesday, 03/09, the Helena Public Schools and our Food Services Partner, Sodexo, received news that the USDA has extended the free breakfast/lunch waiver through the summer (end date is September 30th). This extension ensures that free meal services will be continued through this 20/21 school year and across the coming summer months. Free breakfast and lunch will continue to be provided for all children, ages 1-19.

For additional Phase II information, please consider our website and/or the below topic-specific links.

- Middle School Schedules ([link](#))
- High School Schedules ([link](#))
- Phase II Calendar ([link](#))
- Transportation Registration/Inquiries ([link](#))



Data-Informed Decisions

COVID cases in Lewis & Clark County decreased this week to a low of 61 - a reduction of 6 cases from the previous week. This weekly total equates to a daily average of 8.7 cases per day (12.6 per 100k residents). The confirmed, county-wide test positivity rate fell to 7.5% as of March 5th. This marks the fourth consecutive week that the county positivity rate has remained below the 10% threshold.

As a school district, HSD reported a total of 5 student/employee cases this week. This is a decrease from the previous week (9) and represents the second lowest weekly case total to date. Employee quarantines decreased slightly with 9 active quarantines to date.



Professional Insights

Evidence of virus transmission within schools continues to be minimal. A total number of 8 students/employees were identified as close contacts (quarantined) this week. 3 of those contacts were identified due to in-class exposure, while 5 contacts were due to exposure outside of the classroom (siblings, extracurricular activities, bus transportation, carpools, etc.)

Vaccine efforts across the state/county continue to be varied. Lewis & Clark County continues to vaccinate any resident eligible in Phases 1B+, 1B, and 1A ([link](#)). Education and childcare professionals continue to be eligible for vaccinations through the federal pharmacy program. In the first week of implementation, vaccination opportunities locally were limited but are expected to increase as vaccine supplies continue to increase.