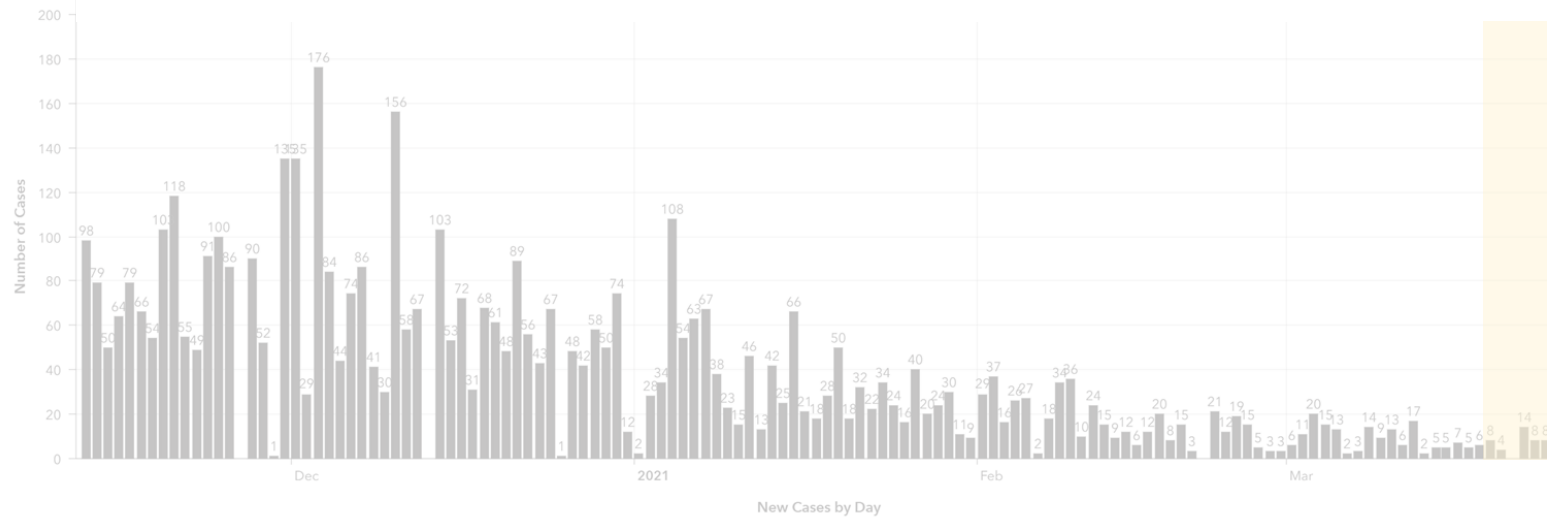




Weekly Report: Monitored Health Indicators
 March 26th, 2021: (03/19 to 03/25)



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*	12/18	12/25	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26
Positive county cases per day	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)	6.7 (avg)	6.7 (avg)
Positive county cases per day (per 100,000)	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	9.7	9.7
Positive county cases per week	511	395	348	305	248	226	191	158	157	81	85	66	61	47	47
Positive county cases per week (per 100,000)	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	68.1	68.1
Positivity rate for week	12.1%	15.4%	29.2%	19.0%	15.2%	14.7%	14.5%	10.2%	8.7%	9.1%	8.8%	7.5%	7.8%	5.9%	TBD
District Metrics	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	3/19	3/26
Confirmed Student Cases (week)	35	12	8	24	16	25	29	19	5	11	10	7	3	1	2
Confirmed Employee Cases (week)	17	2	9	6	8	7	6	2	6	1	3	2	2	0	0
Vacancies (week)	423	NA	NA	275	283	164	292	291	333	235	275	320	340	262	289
Fill Rate (week)	85%	NA	NA	90%	90%	81%	83%	74%	74%	85%	92%	85%	86%	94%	90%
Employees Impacted by Quarantine (current number)										15	17	16	9	9	5
Identified Close Contacts (Classroom)										Start 2/26	14	11	3	5	4
Identified Close Contacts (Non-Classroom)										Start 2/26	0	0	5	0	0

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

03/26: The Helena Public Schools remain in Phase II, utilizing a modified on-person format while providing remote learning options for students/families through our Digital Learning Initiative (DLI).

As a district, we are actively exploring opportunities to modify aspects of Phase II but must maintain our DLI structure with over 17% of students enrolled through remote/virtual options. Recently update guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([link](#)) will inform recommended changes including plexiglass partitions that have been in use in HSD classrooms. However, with vaccines efforts in-progress, it is important that we maintain a healthy/safe environment for our students, employees, and their families.

Modifications to Phase II are expected in early April and as the school year continues to progress, we will monitor for any additional improvements.

For additional Phase II information ([link](#)), 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 remained consistent with 47 confirmed cases being reported this week. As a county, our confirmed rate of positive tests also declined, to a confirmed low of 5.9%. Both trends continue a positive trend in terms of the health of our local community.

As a school district, we reported two (2) confirmed COVID case this week. This total remains well below weekly averages for the year and continues a trend of minimal confirmed cases across the month of March. Employee quarantines remained stable with 5 active quarantines this week.



Professional Insights

Evidence of virus transmission within schools continues to be minimal. The two confirmed cases this week resulted in four (4) confirmed close contacts resulting in student/employee quarantines.

Vaccine opportunities for our employees and partners (Sodexo and First Student) continued this week with additional clinics operated by Osco Pharmacies (Safeway and Albertsons). While a confirmed number of vaccinated employees is difficult to assess, it is anticipated that most employees (willing to be vaccinated) have been able to receive their first dose. Aside from a small number who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, most of our HSD employees have received their first does of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.