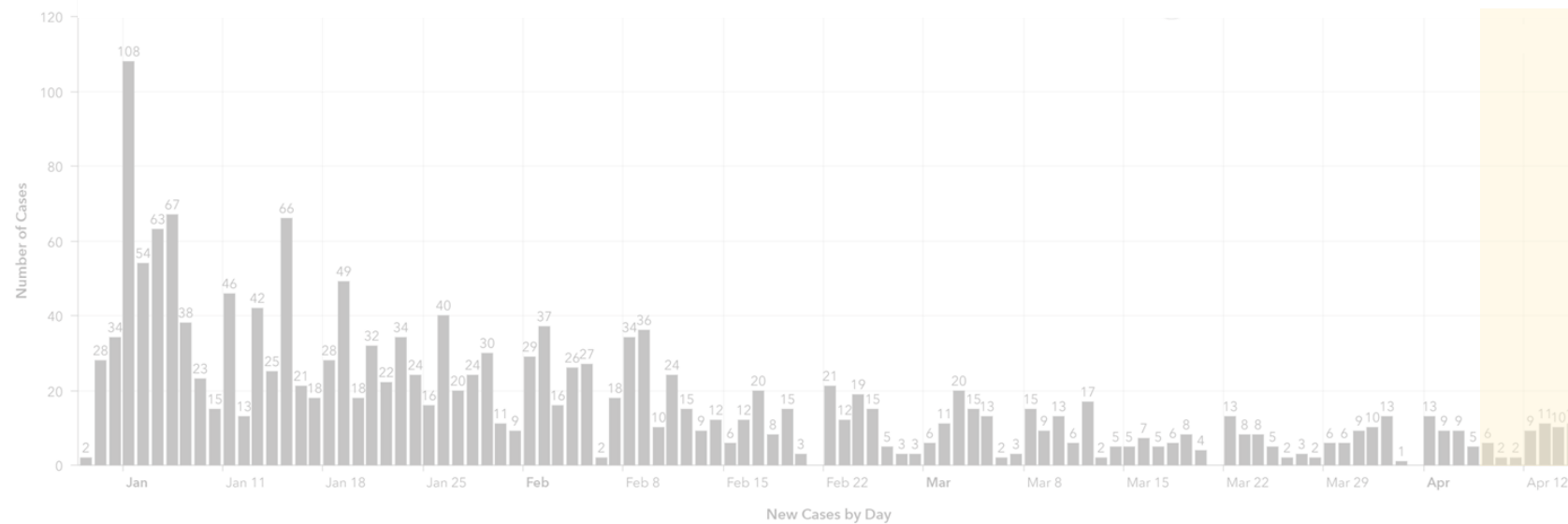




Weekly Report: Monitored Health Indicators  
April 16, 2021: (04/09 to 04/15)



*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	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26	4/2	4/9	4/16
Positive county cases per day	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)	5.5 (avg)	7.2 (avg)	7.2 (avg)
Positive county cases per day (per 100,000)	63.1	51.3	46.7	39.5	32.7	32.5	16.7	17.5	13.6	12.6	9.7	9.7	8.0	10.5	10.5
Positive county cases per week	305	248	226	191	158	157	81	85	66	61	47	47	39	51	51
Positive county cases per week (per 100,000)	441.0	359.4	327.5	276.8	228.9	227.5	117.3	123.1	95.6	88.4	68.1	68.1	56.5	73.9	73.9
Positivity rate for week	19.0%	15.2%	14.7%	14.5%	10.2%	8.7%	9.1%	8.8%	7.5%	7.8%	5.9%	3.8%	5.4%	12.6%	TBD
District Metrics	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26	4/2	4/9	4/16
Confirmed Student Cases (week)	24	16	25	29	19	5	11	10	7	3	1	2	5	5	11
Confirmed Employee Cases (week)	6	8	7	6	2	6	1	3	2	2	0	0	1	2	2
Vacancies (week)	275	283	164	292	291	333	235	275	320	340	262	289	NA	350	346
Fill Rate (week)	90%	90%	81%	83%	74%	74%	85%	92%	85%	86%	94%	90%	NA	75%	78%
Employees Impacted by Quarantine (current number)							15	17	16	9	9	5	NA	19	16
Identified Close Contacts (Classroom)							Start 2/26	14	11	3	5	4	9	13	17
Identified Close Contacts (Non-Classroom)							Start 2/26	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	4

## 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

04/16: The Helena Public Schools remain in Phase II, utilizing a modified in-person format while providing remote learning options for students/families through our Digital Learning Initiative (DLI). Movement to Phase III is not likely as remote services through the Digital Learning Initiative remain a needed service.

Masking outdoors will no longer be required as students and employees will have the option of wearing/not wearing a mask when outside of their school building (including outdoor classes, breaks, and recesses). Aside from eating and/or other noted exceptions, masking remains a requirement when inside school buildings. An update ([link](#)) was sent district-wide pertaining to this revision to our masking practices and our developing plans for this year's high school graduation ceremonies.

Please note that the coming week of 4/19 - 4/23 does not include a C-Day for any level due to the calendared non-school day on Friday, April 23rd.

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 this week with 51 confirmed cases. While the most recent confirmed positivity rate reached 12.6% (4/9), subsequent rate information appears to indicate that the number was abnormally high and not the result of any confirmation related to raising rates.

As a school district, we reported thirteen (13) confirmed COVID cases this week. This is an increase in cases over previous weeks and generally coincides with an increase in identified close contacts (21). There is no formal indication that this noted increase is related to Spring Break travel and/or activities.



## Professional Insights

Evidence of virus transmission within schools continues to be minimal but identified close contacts did increase this week to twenty-one (21). Of the confirmed contacts this week, all but four were related to in-classroom contact and potential exposure.

COVID vaccine opportunities continue with over 70% of HSD employees having reported receiving at least one of their vaccination shots. There are regular vaccination opportunities for all individuals, sixteen years or age and older, across Lewis & Clark County. Based on current trends, Lewis & Clark Public Health (LCPH) noted that by mid-June, 50% the county's residents could be fully vaccinated.