

Stanwood-Camano School District

Family Communication

October 20, 2020

The district met today with Dr. Spitters from the Snohomish County Health District. The current rate of infection per 100,000 over a 14-day period has increased significantly over the past 4 weeks. According to the new [Decision Tree from the Department of Health](#), we are now in the “High Range” of COVID-19 activity level (101.1). This new decision tree included several changes:

- Continued distance learning is still strongly recommended, with limited in-person learning for younger learners (especially K-3) and high need students (e.g., disabilities, homelessness, farthest from educational justice).
- In-person learning for older students is discouraged, except high need students, particularly at the current level and trajectory of COVID-19 activity in the community.
- Strongly recommend canceling or postponing most in-person extracurricular activities, including sports, performances, clubs, events, and such, with the option to allow extracurricular activities in small groups of six or fewer students.

Additional information provided included a “slight uptick” in infection rate of 0-19 year olds. Attached to this email is the [presentation given by Dr. Spitters](#) this afternoon, and the [Snohomish County Health District's press release](#).

We were relieved to hear Dr. Spitters' guidance to allow districts to continue serving Kindergarten through 3rd grade students and special populations. He has recommended that school districts hold off on bringing additional students for in person learning. In light of this guidance we are postponing in person learning for our 4th and 5th grade students until November 9. We will now be meeting with Dr. Spitters and the health district weekly and the district will adjust plans as metrics and guidance change.