

## Stanwood-Camano School District

### Family Communication

November 17, 2020

The district met privately with Dr. Spitters and the Snohomish County Health District team on Monday, November 16. We shared district data, information about community transmissions, and county data. The health district complimented us on our current mitigation measures and advised us to focus on the populations we are currently serving in-person, but not bring additional students in at this time. For this reason and because of increased community transmission in Stanwood and Camano Island, the district is postponing bringing 4th and 5th grade students back until after the winter break.

This delay for 4th and 5th grade students also delays the district's plan to bring back middle and high school students. We will review available data on January 15 and let families know the new timelines.

The district would also like to remind families of the Governor's Advisory regarding travel:

### **TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

*Persons arriving in Washington from other states or countries, including returning Washington residents, should practice [self-quarantine](#) for 14 days after arrival. These persons should limit their interactions to their immediate household. This recommendation does not apply to individuals who cross state or country borders for essential travel.*

Family decisions to travel impact all of our school community. Please adhere to the guidance above if you are traveling outside of Washington.

Additionally, the Governor added restrictions to youth sports:

### **NEW RESTRICTIONS FOR YOUTH SPORTS**

- *Youth and Adult Sporting Activities: Indoor activities and all contests and games are prohibited. Outdoor activities shall be limited to intra-team practices only, with facial coverings required for all coaches, volunteers and athletes **at all times**.*

We know that rising rates in our region are due in large part to participating in youth activities. We hope these new restrictions will result in a reduction of transmission.

Governor Inslee issued an executive order that goes into effect today through December 14, 2020. The mitigation measures include limiting indoor social gatherings to people within your household and limiting outdoor gatherings to five people from outside your household. The Governor said that these limitations do not apply to schools due to strict adherence to our current safety measures.

We recognize that this information is disappointing to families wanting to celebrate holidays and to all of our students and staff who were looking forward to bringing back more students into our schools. We remind all of our school stakeholders that we can control the spread of COVID-19. We implore you all to adhere to Dr. Spitters' message from last week:

**“Holding gatherings is a threat to all. Stop it. Plain and simple, just stop the gatherings.**

- Make a bubble of the same five-or-fewer social contacts outside of your household, and stick to that.
- Wear a mask around people you don't live with.
- When is more ok? Not at all in the immediate future.
- Reduce socializing and other non-essential activity. If it's not for work, school or medical purposes, the safest bet is to skip it. Don't attend gatherings. Period.
- Avoid contact with people and businesses who don't follow the guidance."

**Important Dates:**

- November 20--No School, Conferences
- November 25--Early dismissal; no in-person classes
- November 26 & 27--No School, Thanksgiving break

Please do not enter school facilities if you are ill, or if you are living with anyone who is ill. The district's ability to bring back additional students is reliant upon our entire community adhering to the guidelines. Thank you all for doing your part to keep our students, families, and staff safe.