

Stanwood-Camano School District

Family Communication

November 6, 2020

Veterans Day is this Wednesday, November 11. Our students will be honoring our Veterans in a variety of ways in our schools. We have some drive through events, some virtual assemblies, and students are sharing their appreciation in their writing and art. There will be no school, in-person or remotely, on Wednesday, November 11.

Reopening News:

The district is frequently asked how they make decisions regarding bringing students back for in-person learning.

1. We first look to the Washington State Department of Health Decision Tree. This provides a general overview for districts.
2. The second source of guidance is our local county health departments. The district continues to meet with the Snohomish and Island County Health Districts on a weekly basis to discuss trends and changing protocols. The health districts can provide us with district specific information including case counts in our district and where the “hot spots” are emerging. Data from this week showed another increase in infection rate per 100,000 over a two week period, although it was a bit smaller of an increase than previous weeks. Both health districts have reported that in spite of the increased case count per 100,000 per two week period, districts can proceed with reopening plans for elementary students provided the district has capacity to serve students, can complete screening protocols, has required PPE available, and has the necessary staff.
3. Finally, the district’s lead nurses attend weekly meetings with the local health districts and district administrators to review community and individual school data. Our nurses monitor student absence reports for each of our buildings, which also informs our decision-making process. If illness rates are high, we are less inclined to bring additional students onto our campuses for in-person learning.

The district examines all of the information listed above. If we have specific concerns or questions, we consult with health district leaders to obtain more specific guidance. Currently, the district intends to bring 4th and 5th grade students back on November 30, but only if the number of cases flattens or decreases over a two week period.

Our appreciation goes out to our parents who are being vigilant with their children’s symptoms and keeping their children home as instructed.

Other news:

Families may be wondering what the ramifications of the passage of Referendum 90 will mean for their child(ren). Information will be forthcoming.