

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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CSTA Strike of 1975 and other historical pictures from the CSEA archives- Help us identify people, places and years. Send responses by replying to the Union Pulse!



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8



Thumbs Up - To BEST Health plan, whose CEO organized a quick sign up for D-11 teachers to receive their COVID vaccine.

Announcements

Quarantine Information

The change in quarantine considerations as of this Monday are as follows:

- HR will extend through 30 March the FFCRA practice of 10 quarantine days (paid). The original fed dollars ended 31 December 2020. *You get one set.* That means if you have not used paid, non-working COVID quarantine leave yet, D11 will provide up to 10 days. If you have to quarantine but can work from home (i.e. you're not actually sick and your job can be done from home), you work from home and no days are spent by anybody (that's always been the case—something CSEA advocated for and got, by the way).

- If you have already used 10 fed-paid quarantine days as just described, and you cannot effectively work from home in another quarantine situation, you need to use your days. *IF* you don't have 10 days left, the new Colorado Healthy Families law (new Jan. 1) will supplement your days up to the 10 total (e.g. you have 4 days, the employer adds 6). Those are paid days for when you cannot work remotely.

Updated Vaccine Priority

Local Presidents, UniServ staff and leaders from around the state were invited to participate in a call with Governor Polis this past Friday, January 31. This meeting was prior to the press conference where he updated Colorado's COVID-19 vaccine prioritization list moving educators up the list. No doubt, you have all heard that educators are eligible to start receiving the vaccine February 8. Detailed information on the updated vaccine prioritization is available [here](#).

For additional information on the vaccine in Colorado, visit this [site](#).

If an employee becomes ill (has a reaction) as a result of vaccination, D11 could treat that under its extended FFCRA model (federal of compensation for COVID absences). They will need to have some type of medical statement/warning from the vaccination site specifying that the employee had a reaction. It should also show the date the employee had the vaccination. Thus, HR has told us there could be 1-3 days of leave.

CMAS Opinion Poll and Petition

Last week, we shared a petition to that would allow you all to voice your concern around 2021 CMAS testing to the Colorado General Assembly. <http://coloea.org/cancel-cmas>

Since then, Senator Zenzinger has taken to Facebook to collect opinions around CMAS testing for 2021. Her statement and poll are below. Take a few moments to share your thoughts.

I have decided to carry a bill that would direct the Colorado Department of Education to seek a federal waiver to pause CMAS testing for this year. Nevertheless, I would still like to know your opinion. I have created a short poll on the topic and I invite you to submit your opinion: [CMAS Opinion Poll](#). This is not a scientific poll, by any means, but I am interested in knowing how our community feels about this issue.

Regardless of the outcome of the bill, the thinking behind both pro and con positions should be acknowledged and acted upon in some manner, whether we move forward with CMAS or not. If we make the decision to NOT move forward, then schools and districts should try and capture some sort of information that can be shared with the community on student progress. And if we DO move forward with testing, I would hope that the state would acknowledge the huge challenges this poses and work to address these concerns.—Senator Zenzinger, District 19

Virtual Events

Elementary School CSEA All Members' Meeting

- Thursday, February 11, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
- Elementary members, do you have question about what is going on in the district or in your school? CSEA will hold an Elementary All Members' Meeting to discuss these

questions. Please watch for an email with the Zoom link and a link to submit questions ahead of time.

CSEA February AR Meeting

- February 9, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- Monthly meeting of the CSEA Association Representatives and Board of Directors

NEA Webinar: Using Videos in Your Lessons

- February 8, 5-6 pm MST
- Videos are a great way to connect with your students. Learn how to create your own videos using QuickTime Player, Screencastify, and Loom and how to share them in your LMS (Learning Management System) asynchronously. And we can explore ways to link videos that other people have created in your online space.
- Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/nea/event/365268/>

Articles of Note

[Learn About 28 Black History Maker in 28 Days](#)

[Coloradans 65 And Older, Teachers Will Have Access To Coronavirus Vaccine Starting Feb. 8](#)

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