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EVMS, HPS, RHES send quarantine notices

Sixty-three students, two staff will quarantine in total

Eagle, CO – Eagle County School District announced that three schools sent COVID-19 notices to their communities today after Public Health notified them of positive cases. In both incidents, contact tracing determined those in close contact with the positive case would need to quarantine. Red Hill Elementary School's positive case was last in school on Friday, January 29. Twelve students and two staff members will quarantine in connection with this case, and have received specific orders from Public Health to follow.

Homestake Peak School's positive case was last in school on Monday, February 1. Seventeen students will quarantine. No staff members were determined to be close contacts related to this incident. Those needing to quarantine received specific orders from Public Health to follow.

Eagle Valley Middle School eighth graders transitioned to remote learning for today after a student tested positive for COVID-19 after school yesterday. This allowed Public Health to conduct contact tracing today, which resulted in the quarantine being lifted for all but 34 students.

Importantly, adhering to the following critical practices remain essential to containing the virus for the rest of the school year.

- If your child is sick, please keep them home.
- If they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please seek the medical advice of your family's physician and have them tested.
- If someone in your household is being tested for COVID-19, please keep your children home until the results are known.
- If someone in your household is positive for COVID-19, the entire household must quarantine (and not leave their home) as directed by Public Health.
- If you or a student is directed to quarantine, they must remain home, stay away from others, not go to work or school, not have playdates or sleepovers, not engage in extracurricular activities.

The district continues to thank the families of students and our staff members for following guidelines and staying home when sick, when someone in their household is being tested for COVID-19, or when someone in their household is positive for the virus. Limiting the presence of the virus in our schools by staying home is our first layer of protection. The persistent and

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consistent use of face masks and social distancing within schools help control and contain the virus. Focused quarantining by Public Health separates those most at-risk of exposure to protect the broader school community. So far, very few cases have developed among those in quarantine.