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BMHS, EVHS send positive quarantine notices

Twenty-eight students in total were notified

Eagle, CO – Eagle County School District announced that Battle Mountain High School and Eagle Valley High School are the latest to experience positive cases within their student communities. Contact tracing determined that those in close contact with the positive cases need to quarantine. Those impacted have received orders from Public Health to follow specific to their incident.

One student positive at Battle Mountain High School has resulted in three students in quarantine until Friday, March 5. Four students at Eagle Valley High School tested positive and were linked to an out-of-school exposure at a club volleyball tournament. Contact tracing related to these four cases resulted in varied quarantine orders for twenty-five other EVHS students. Eight will quarantine until Saturday, March 6, two will quarantine until Monday, March 8, and fifteen will quarantine until Tuesday, March 9.

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 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

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the broader school community. So far, very few cases have developed among those in quarantine.