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RCHS, EES send COVID notices

In total, nine students, one staff member will quarantine

Eagle, CO – Eagle County School District announced that Red Canyon High School (RCHS) and Edwards Elementary School sent COVID-19 communications to families today after being informed of positive cases by Public Health. Red Canyon High School notified their community after a student tested positive. The positive case was last in school on Thursday, December 10. Nine students will quarantine. Edwards Elementary School sent communications to families after being notified that a staff member tested positive. The staff member was last in school on Tuesday, December 8. One staff member and no students will quarantine related to this incident.

In both cases, contact tracing determined that those in close contact with either of the positive cases should quarantine. Those needing to quarantine were contacted directly and provided with quarantine orders from Public Health.

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

As positive cases mount, the challenge of keeping schools operational in-person also climbs. Staff members may be out due to a positive case in their household, their child being on quarantine, or because they are positive or in quarantine themselves. Systemwide staff absences can strain the district's ability to remain open. Anticipate more cohort, grade level, and school level transitions to remote learning in the Orange High Risk phase.