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**Battle Mountain, Homestake Peak send quarantine notices**

*Twenty-six students will quarantine in total*

**Eagle, CO** – Eagle County School District announced that Battle Mountain High School and Homestake Peak School notified their school communities after being informed of positive cases by Public Health. In each incident, contact tracing determined that those in close contact with the positive case need to quarantine. Those needing to quarantine have received specific orders from Public Health to follow.

Battle Mountain notified their community last night after Public Health informed them of a student testing positive for COVID-19. The student was last in school on Monday, March 1. Nine additional students will quarantine related to this incident.

Homestake Peak School notified their community today after Public Health informed them of a student testing positive. The positive case was last in school on Monday, March 1. Seventeen students will quarantine related to this incident, with one student transitioning to remote learning without the need to quarantine. HPS students can return to school on Friday, March 12.

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

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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.