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**Eagle Valley Middle School and Edwards Early Learning Center
are the latest to send quarantine notices**

Six students, five staff members in total will be out

Eagle, CO – Eagle County School District announced that two schools sent COVID notifications after Public Health informed them of positive cases over the long weekend. In both cases, contact tracing determined that those in close contact with the positive case need to quarantine. Eagle Valley Middle School had a staff member test positive. The positive case was last in school on Friday, January 15. No students were impacted, however one additional staff member will quarantine. The Edwards Early Learning Center also had a staff member test positive. The staff member was last in school on Thursday, January 14. Six students and four staff members will quarantine. Those needing to quarantine in both cases have received specific orders from Public Health to follow.

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