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**EVHS, EVMS, GCMS, GES send notices**

*213 students, 1 staff member will quarantine*

**Eagle, CO** – Eagle County School District announced that multiple schools have sent quarantine notices to their communities in the past twenty-four hours. In each incident, contact tracing determined that those in close contact with the positive cases would need to quarantine. Those needing to quarantine were contacted directly and have specific orders from Public Health to follow.

Eagle Valley Middle School sent COVID-19 notices to their community last night after Public Health notified them of three students testing positive: one eighth grade student and two seventh-grade students from the same household. Two additional student positives have since arisen. As a result, one hundred fifty-seven seventh and eighth graders will quarantine. Due to the amount of seventh and eighth grade students in quarantine, both grades at EVMS will transition to remote learning for the week of February 8. Sixth grade will remain in-person. Only those already issued quarantine orders will quarantine while remote learning. Students will return to in-person learning on Monday, February 22 following the break.

Gypsum Elementary School will also transition their second graders to remote learning until after the February break after being notified by Public Health that a staff member tested positive. Thirty-six students and one staff member will quarantine until Saturday, February 13. Those in quarantine and remote learning will return to in-person learning on Monday, February 22.

Gypsum Creek Middle School sent COVID-19 notices to their community Friday afternoon after Public Health informed them of a presumed positive case. The positive case was last in school on Tuesday, February 2. Seventeen students will quarantine related to this incident. No staff members were determined to be close contacts related to this case.

Three students at Eagle Valley High School will quarantine until February 12 after the school was informed of a student tested positive for COVID-19. No other students or staff members were determined to be close contacts in this incident.

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.