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EVES sends weekend COVID notification

11 students, 3 staff will quarantine

Eagle, CO – Eagle County School District announced that COVID-19 notifications were sent to families of Eagle Valley Elementary School (EVES) over the weekend after Public Health notified the school of a presumed positive preschool student. The student was last in school on Monday, November 30. Contact tracing determined that those in close contact with the positive cases should quarantine. Those needing to quarantine were contacted directly and provided with quarantine orders from Public Health. Eleven preschool students and three preschool staff will quarantine. Substitutes will be filling in for two additional EVES staff members who will need to stay home with their preschooler at this time. Those in quarantine are able to return to normal activities on Tuesday, December 15.

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.