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### Two schools send quarantine notices on Sunday

*Student positives at both BMHS and VSSA*

**Eagle, CO** – Eagle County Schools announced that COVID-19 notifications were sent to the families of Battle Mountain High School and Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy on Sunday afternoon after receiving notification from Public Health. At Battle Mountain, two students from the same household tested positive. At VSSA, one student tested positive. Public Health determined through contact tracing that those who had close contact with the student(s) at their respective school should quarantine. In all, forty-seven students will be out on quarantine.

The district has had to quarantine and transition students and staff to temporary remote learning since the start of the school year due to isolated positive cases. These efforts have been to contain the spread of the virus and do not mean those students contracted the virus. To the contrary, the mitigation efforts so far have prevented transmission in schools. With parent support and collaboration, we continue to safeguard against school transmission by adhering to our layers of protection:

- Staying home if sick
- Wearing face coverings
- Maintaining as much distance as possible
- Practicing good hand hygiene and frequent cleaning
- Conducting daily symptom screenings

Public Health has moved to its process of focused quarantining. Rather than blanket quarantines based on a specific cohort size, Public Health is looking at seating charts, lunch partners, extracurricular activities, and honing their focus on those who had the closest contact with a positive case. This keeps more students and staff members on their regular schedule while still protecting the school population.

The school district thanks Public Health for their ongoing support in managing this process and keeping our students and staff safe and healthy.

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