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Eagle Valley Elementary latest to experience positive cases

Three positive cases send 32 home on quarantine

Eagle, CO – Eagle County Schools announced that a COVID-19 notification was sent to the families of Eagle Valley Elementary School Friday afternoon. Public Health informed the school that three students who had been absent since Monday, October 19 tested positive for the virus. Two of the positive cases were from the same family, and all were traced to household transmission. Five staff members and 27 students who had close contact with the students were instructed to quarantine. One student transitioned to remote learning without the need to quarantine. Those impacted will be out of school beginning on Monday, October 26, through Monday, November 2, meaning students and staff may return on Tuesday, November 3.

So far, no transmission of the virus has happened at school. Positive cases have been identified, precautionary quarantines have been implemented by Public Health, and no student-to-student, student-to-staff, or staff-to-student transmission has happened as a result.

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

“It’s been a tough week for notices involving the school district,” said Superintendent Philip Qualman. “Seven schools notified their communities of quarantines. We’re hopeful our community can rally again and slow transmission down.”

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