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Positive COVID case sends 7th Grade Cohort at HPS to Remote Learning

Parents notified Tuesday with specific instructions

Eagle, CO – Eagle County Schools announced that a student at Homestake Peak School has tested positive for COVID-19. As a precaution, a 7th grade cohort group will transition to remote learning, with some members of that group also being directed to quarantine by Public Health. Other students and staff are not impacted. Students and staff may resume their normal schedule on November 3. Those receiving quarantine orders must quarantine according to the dates in the order. Three staff members and 18 students will quarantine. Thirty additional students will transition to remote learning.

Notifications went to parents Tuesday evening following notice by Public Health on Tuesday late afternoon. At present, there is no cause for concern or action for the other grades, so other HPS students will continue attending school as scheduled.

Siblings and parents of the impacted students do not need to quarantine and can attend school unless they develop symptoms at home. If symptoms develop, contact your health care provider and Public Health for further instructions.

Each case of COVID-19 is followed up on by public health. As part of this public health investigation:

- The person diagnosed stays home until they are no longer infectious.
- The person's activities when they could have spread COVID-19 are assessed.
- The people who were close contacts of the person with COVID-19 are instructed to stay home for 14 days after the exposure.
- Cooperation is critical to managing the spread of the virus.

“This is how the system is designed to work. Rapidly identify a positive case, remove them from public circulation, remove others with close contact, and contain the spread, said Superintendent Philip Qualman. “We thank Public Health, the staff, and families for working hard to contain the spread and all wish our student a speedy recovery.”

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