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### **VSSA transitions to remote learning for 14 days due to COVID-19**

*Ninety-six students and seven staff will also quarantine at this time*

**Eagle, CO** – Eagle County Schools notified parents of VSSA students that the school would transition to remote learning for 14 days due to COVID-19. The notice follows an additional student and staff member testing positive for the virus today. On Sunday, eleven students received quarantine orders due to a positive student identified over the weekend.

Public Health determined through contact tracing today that those who had close contact with either of the new positive cases should also quarantine. That amounted to ninety-six students and seven staff members. Because VSSA is a small school, this percentage of students and staff out for quarantine requires the school to transition to remote learning for 14 days. The transition will begin on Tuesday, November 3, with school returning to normal on Monday, November 16.

Students and staff can continue learning while on quarantine, and those not receiving quarantine orders can also continue with their normal activities.

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, but this is the first time an entire school has had to transition. This is also the first instance where the transmission of the virus is believed to have happened at school.

With parent support and collaboration, Eagle County Schools continues 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

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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