Dear Westminster Public Schools Community,

On Thursday, September 10, 2020, WPS received notification of two separate positive COVID-19 tests involving staff/students at Colorado STEM Academy (CSA) and Westminster High School (WHS), respectively.

We have personally notified all of the families who are directly impacted.

While patient confidentiality is important, we want to provide you the details we can share because of our commitment to keeping everyone informed.

In the case of the student, we applaud the parent for taking the proactive step of not only having their child tested but also keeping their student out of the classroom until a test result was available. The staff member also shared the positive result as quickly as possible. The best way to slow the spread of COVID-19 is for everyone to behave in a responsible manner.

At CSA, a student cohort of 21 students and three staff members who were in direct contact with the individual have been identified and contacted; and they will be moved to our remote learning platform for a 14-day quarantine period.

At WHS 73 students and two staff members have also been quarantined. Siblings of those students who are in quarantine are still encouraged to attend in-person learning.

It is important to remember that even if a student has been in a classroom with a student or staff member who tests positive, the odds that they will become infected are relatively low.

**NO OTHER WPS SCHOOLS ARE AFFECTED.**

As students return to school and because of the possible spread of the coronavirus as a result of the Labor Day holiday weekend, we may see an increase in cases over the next couple of weeks, but overall the trend is moving in a positive direction.

We have always known this was going to be a time where we need to be flexible and supportive of one another.

-Westminster Public Schools