Dear Westminster Public Schools Community

On Tuesday, September 8, 2020, Westminster High School was notified by a parent that a WHS student had tested positive for COVID-19. Federal and state laws protect the student’s privacy at all times.

We applaud the parent for taking the proactive step of having their child tested and immediately sharing the news of the positive test result with school officials. The best way to slow the spread of COVID-19 is for everyone to behave in a responsible manner.

A cohort of around 80 students and four teachers who were in direct contact with the individual last Friday have been identified and contacted; and they will be moved to our remote learning platform for a 14-day quarantine period. All of those directly impacted have been individually notified.

Siblings of those students who are in quarantine are still encouraged to attend in-person learning.

We are in contact with the Tri-County Health Department and are implementing our detailed response plan. WPS created its plan with the understanding that at some point a student or staff member would test positive.

Westminster High School will remain open for in-person learning for all other students. No other WPS schools are affected.

The 3 W’s of Westminster Public Schools were created to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and it is critically important all students and staff follow the guidelines:

- Wear a Mask
- Wash Your Hands
- Watch Your Distance

It is also important that all of our families monitor the health of all members and make sure that anyone who is feeling ill STAYS HOME. If a student gets a COVID test, please keep that child home until you get the results of that test.

As a reminder, it is very important that students and families practice safe habits when in all social situations. Our in-person safety procedures work best when people make responsible decisions in and out of school.
Thank you for your time and attention.

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