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Dear Grand Peak Families,

Last week, we started to see the challenges of COVID-19 within our classrooms, learning that even minor symptoms can have a significant ripple effect on our in-person learning students.

Our partners at El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH) confirmed that this past week, several GPA community members in separate grade levels had one or more COVID-19 symptoms. Per guidance from the EPCPH, some staff and students entered a precautionary quarantine based on **possible** exposure to a **possibly** positive individual. These individuals have since had negative COVID tests. As of today, almost all individuals have been cleared by EPCPH to return to campus. EPCPH will continue to investigate and monitor these incidents; as of today, there are no confirmed positive COVID cases among the GPA community. By keeping our classroom cohorts small, GPA has limited the impact of the quarantines.

GPA will continue to operate on our normal, but elevated alert status. We will follow our safety protocols for deep cleaning our building daily, encouraging good hygiene through frequent hand-washing or use of hand sanitizers, along with practicing physical distancing and requiring face-coverings for staff and students at all times. If there is a confirmed positive case, all community members will be informed. If there is a need to quarantine for *possible* cases, only those individuals or families directly affected will be notified, in order to best preserve confidentiality.

During times such as these, we need parent support more than ever to help create a safe and successful learning environment for our in-person learning students.

As always, we encourage our staff and families to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. Please keep students home if they are not feeling well, or experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 such as:

- Feeling Feverish, having chills, or temperature of 100.4 or higher
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Muscle Aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny nose/congestion

We have also attached a short video from D49 Chief Operations Office, Pedro Almeida which we feel is a very important message to share with our GPA families. <https://youtu.be/LREv6c1WZlw>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 719-495-7360.

Sincerely,  
Scott Hunter, Nicole Parker, and Melissa Maldonado