

One student, one teacher IN MCKINLEY COUNTY

SANTA FE — The Public Education Department announced seven new positive cases of COVID-19 as of Sept. 17, after implementing a rapid response and verifying all pertinent information with the schools and school districts. The following new cases were reported:

• One case at a public school in McKinley County. The infected individual is a teacher. The infected instructor was last in the school building on Sept. 15.

• Five cases at a public school in Roosevelt County. The infected individuals are staff members, including two teachers. They were last in the school building or a district office on September 9, 11, and 14.

• One case at a public school in Bernalillo County. The infected individual is a student. The student was last in the office building on Sept. 9.

On Sept. 16, the PED announced three new positive cases including a student at a McKinley County school who was last in the school building Sept. 9.

Also as of Sept. 16, a secretary at a public school district office in Roosevelt County and a

teacher at a public school in Bernalillo County were found to be infected.

All staff members and the parents and guardians of all students in the affected schools and offices have been notified of the positive cases.

The affected classrooms and school facilities will be thoroughly disinfected, and any staff or students who came into close contact with a newly diagnosed individual will be quarantined for 14 days.

“Close contact” means being within six feet for three minutes or more. Staff who were close contacts must get tested for COVID-19 and provide the school with test results prior to returning to in-person duties.

The PED has collected data since Aug. 17; moving forward, cumulative totals will include those data, and the total number of cases in school populations is currently 118.

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