



## NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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October 2, 2020

Good Afternoon North East Family,

Please be advised that our District Office was notified on Friday, October 2, 2020, that an employee tested positive for COVID-19. The North East School District immediately notified the Erie County Department of Health of the positive test result and have followed all EDOH and the NESD Safety plan protocols. The employee was last on-site in the North East School District on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

All individuals who were in close proximity (*within six feet for more than 15 minutes*) to this employee within 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms have been informed to self-monitor and/or self-quarantine for symptoms through October 14, 2020. The Erie County Department of Health will be in contact with the employee to conduct further interviews required for community contact tracing.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. We ask if you believe you have been in contact with anyone who may have symptoms of COVID-19 or you experience one or more symptoms from Group A or two or more symptoms from Group B below, to please stay home and contact your health care provider.

Group A

Fever (100.4 or higher)  
Cough  
Shortness of breath  
Difficulty breathing  
Bluish Lips

Group B

Sore throat  
Runny nose/congestion  
Chills  
New lack of smell or taste  
Muscle pain  
Nausea or vomiting  
Diarrhea  
Headache

The Erie County Department of Health COVID-19 FAQ's are located here: [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions\\*](#)  
Again, we are confident in our Safety Plan and the protocols we have in place to protect our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent

and

Dr. Steven Karns, Co-Principal/Co-Pandemic Coordinator

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