



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Afternoon North East Family,

Please be advised that on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, the District Office was notified that a middle school student tested positive for COVID-19. The last day the student was in school was on Thursday, November 12, 2020. The Erie County Health Department is now asking School Districts to assist in communicating with families. The North East School District has been helping all along. Close contacts may or may not be contacted by the State Department of Health; however, the district is in the process of contacting close contacts (*within six feet for more than 15 minutes*) to this student to self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms.

We would like to thank our families who have done an outstanding job of following the district guidelines and for communicating with our schools. Please keep in mind that in the event a family member is being tested, or a student is contacted by the Department of Health to quarantine, your child will be able to live-stream during this time.

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	GROUP B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough • Shortness of breath • Difficulty breathing • New olfactory disorder • New taste disorder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (≥ 100.4 F oral or equivalent) • Chills • Rigors • Myalgia • Headache • Sore throat • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea • Fatigue • Congestion or runny nose

Again, we are confident in our Safety Plan and the protocols we have in place to protect our students and staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Karns @ skarns@nesd1.org or myself @ mhartzell@nesd1.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent

and

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

Mission: *“to challenge, empower, and engage all students to develop and achieve personal and career aspirations, to pursue lifelong learning, and to be responsible and accountable citizens in a dynamic world.”*