



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Afternoon North East Family,

Please be advised that on Friday, November 20, 2020, the District Office was notified that an elementary center student tested positive for COVID-19. The last day the student was in school was on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. The student traveled out of the state and has been self-quarantining due to our district safety plan travel recommendations; therefore, there are no close contacts for our students or staff.

We would like to thank our families who have done an outstanding job of following the district guidelines and for communicating with our schools. This is a reminder that there is a revised State Order for face masks and a new State Order for travel. These Orders are in effect and can be found under the update tab on the district website at nesd1.org. We have also made changes to our Health and Safety Plan which was Board approved last evening. Please take a moment to review this important information.

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 urging families to wear masks, social distance, frequently wash their hands, and follow the Erie County recommendations for small gatherings over the holidays. This moment in time is temporary and we will get through this together. 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.”*