



## NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Afternoon North East Family,

Please be advised that on Wednesday, 25, 2020, the District Office was notified that a student at the high school and a middle school staff member tested positive for COVID19. In addition, Tuesday evening, the district was notified that another high school student tested positive. The students were last in school on November 11<sup>th</sup> and November 24<sup>th</sup>. These students are already out of isolation and not considered active (this means their isolation period has already ended). The district has already contacted close contacts of these students. The last day the staff member was in the district was on 11/18/20. They will be able to return on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 facemasks and a new State Order for travel. These Orders are in effect and can be found under the update tab on the district website @nesd1.org.

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

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. We will continue to monitor cases and keep you posted if we decide to change our modes of learning. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Karns @ [skarns@nesd1.org](mailto:skarns@nesd1.org) or myself @ [mhartzell@nesd1.org](mailto:mhartzell@nesd1.org) and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent

and

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

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