



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Afternoon North East Family,

Please be advised that on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, the District Office was notified that an Intermediate Elementary staff member tested positive for COVID19. The staff member was already quarantining due to an outside close contact. The last day the staff member was in the district was on November 20, 2020. The district has already contacted close contacts of the staff member.

We would like to thank our staff and 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 @nesd1.org. In addition, the district will be updating the Health and Safety plan to include the new mitigation requirements from the Department of Health and Department of Education. These changes will be posted by the end of the day Friday.

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 livestream 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

Thank you for your on-going communication with our district. Due to the new mitigation requirements, this is a reminder to have a plan in place in the event the district will be required to move to our livestream platform. Please also be aware that we are heading into our winter weather season. Please take the time to review the weather/emergency letter which was mailed to all families on November 2, 2020. This letter is posted on the district website under the update tab. 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

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