



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Afternoon North East Family,

Please be advised that on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, the District Office was notified of one positive case at the high school, one positive case at the middle school, one positive case at the intermediate school, and two positive cases at Davis Elementary. The last day the students were on campus was 11/11(hs), 11/20 (ms), 12/2 (IE), 11/23 (DE), and 11/24 (DE). The district has already contacted close contacts of the students.

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 Health and Safety plan has been updated to include the new mitigation requirements from the Department of Health and Department of Education.

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 sooner than what is planned.** Please also review the letter regarding our school plan over the next month which is posted on the district website. We also have mailed a copy to all families. 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.”*