



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Afternoon North East Family,

Please be advised that the District Office was notified today of three students who tested positive for COVID-19 and one student who is considered probable, all of which occurred during the break. Two of the students who tested positive attend the High School and the other positive student attends the Intermediate. The probable student attends the Middle School. None of the students have been on campus since mid-December. Please note that all students are currently on a livestream schedule.

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

We now have a form on-line for families to fill out regarding COVID-19. If your child or a family member is being tested for COVID-19, or your child or family member is asked to quarantine, we are asking you to complete the brief COVID-19 form found on the district website at nesd1.org, select the “gold” tab labeled COVID-19 Form. If you have any COVID questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Karns at skarns@nesd1.org, Mrs. Lawrence at klawrence@nesd1.org, or myself at mhartzell@nesd1.org.

We will resume in-person instruction on January 13, 2021. Keep in mind that we will continue to monitor local and state guidelines. Please remember that if your child or a family member is being tested for COVID-19, your child must stay home until the results have been verified. Families are also required to follow all state travel guidelines.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent
Dr. Steven Karns, Co-Principal/Co-Pandemic Coordinator
Mrs. Kiersten Lawrence, Assistant 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.”*