



# NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Evening North East Family,

Please be advised that the District Office was notified of one staff member who tested positive for COVID-19 and another staff member who is probable. The individual who tested positive has not been on campus since before break. The probable individual was on campus on Monday, January 11, 2021. The district has already notified all close contacts.

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>

**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](https://www.nesd1.org), select the “gold” tab labeled COVID-19 Form. Additional information on when to keep students home, why we quarantine students and staff, information related to the Pennsylvania travel order, and school closures is included in the NESD School Reopening video which can be found at this link: <https://youtu.be/etdx2KTgU-k>. If you have any COVID questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Karns at [skarns@nesd1.org](mailto:skarns@nesd1.org), Mrs. Lawrence at [klawrence@nesd1.org](mailto:klawrence@nesd1.org), or myself at [mhartzell@nesd1.org](mailto:mhartzell@nesd1.org).**

We will resume in-person instruction tomorrow. 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

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