



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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November 30, 2020

Good Afternoon North East Family,

Please be advised that on Monday afternoon, November 30, 2020, the District Office was notified that a middle student and a middle school staff member tested positive for COVID19. The last day the middle school student was on campus was on November 21st and the last day the staff member was in the district was on November 20th. The district was also notified that a high school student tested positive; however, this student is a livestream student and is not in the building. The district has already contacted close contacts of the student and staff member.

Due to the new mitigation requirements from the Department of Health and Department of Education, the middle school **ONLY** will remain on livestream through December 4th and return in person on December 7th. The internet café will be available for any middle school student that does not have access to internet.

Students in grades kindergarten through fifth will remain in-person and high school students resume their normal A/B in-person schedule tomorrow, Tuesday, December 1st. Please keep in mind that the Erie County Technical School is virtual through December 4th; therefore, any technical school student that needs transportation in the afternoon to North East will need to contact the transportation department at pschultz@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 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

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.”*