



# NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Afternoon North East Family,

Please be advised that the District Office is now maintaining a COVID-19 dashboard on the nesd1.org website that parents can access for realtime information on the number of active on-campus and active off-campus cases. An on-campus case is one in which an individual was in school during his or her infectious period. An off-campus case is one in which the individual was not in school during his or her infectious period.

During the week of February 7, 2021, we received notifications of the following cases:

- A Middle School staff member tested positive for COVID-19. That staff member was last on campus on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- A High School student tested positive for COVID-19. That student was last on campus on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- A Middle School student tested positive for COVID-19. That student was last on campus on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- An Intermediate student tested positive for COVID-19. That student was last on campus on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- A High School student tested positive for COVID-19. That student was last on campus on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

All close contacts in these cases have been notified by the district.

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. , 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](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 continue to monitor local and state guidelines. 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. **Please remember that in Pennsylvania masks are required to be worn both indoors and outdoors if you are away from your home. Parents and students should remember to keep their mask on while walking to and from school and especially on school grounds.**

Sincerely,

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



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