



# NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Afternoon North East Family,

Please be advised that the District Office continues to maintain a COVID-19 dashboard on the [nesd1.org](http://nesd1.org) website that parents can access *real time* 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 August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we received notifications of the following cases:

- A Davis student tested positive for COVID-19. This student is considered an off-campus case.
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- A Davis student is considered a probable case of COVID-19. This student is considered an off-campus case.
- An Intermediate Elementary student tested positive for COVID-19. This student is considered an off-campus case.
- A Middle school student is a probable case of COVID-19. This student is considered an off-campus case.
- A High school student tested positive for COVID-19. This student is considered an off-campus case.
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- A District employee is considered a probable case of COVID-19. This employee was last on campus on 8/31. All close contacts have been notified.

During the week of 9/5/2021, we received notification of the following cases:

- A High school student tested positive for COVID. This student is considered an off-campus case.
- A High school staff member tested positive for COVID. This staff member was last on campus on 9/3. All close contacts have been notified.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. We ask that if you believe you have been in contact with anyone who may have symptoms of COVID-19 or you experience COVID symptoms, to please stay home and contact your health care provider. Symptoms of COVID-19 can occur 2-14 days after exposure. This list does not include all of the symptoms (CDC, 2021).

<p>Symptoms of COVID-19 can occur 2-14 days after exposure. This list does not include all of the symptoms (CDC, 2021).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever (100 degrees or higher) or chills</li> <li>• Cough</li> <li>• Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li> <li>• Fatigue</li> <li>• Muscle or body aches</li> <li>• Headaches</li> <li>• New loss of taste or smell</li> <li>• Sore throat</li> <li>• Congestion or runny nose</li> <li>• Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>• Diarrhea</li> </ul>	<p>If your child has any of the following symptoms: <b>(fever, sore throat, cough, diarrhea, vomiting, or severe headache)</b></p> <p>they may have an illness that they can spread to others (CDC, 2021)</p> <p><b>Stay home, call your doctor, and/or get tested</b></p>
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**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 that you please notify the school.** If you have any COVID questions, please feel free to contact 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 is being tested for COVID-19, your child must stay home until the results have been verified.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent  
Mrs. Kiersten Lawrence RN,CSN /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.”*