

North Branch Area Schools

James D. Fish
Superintendent

Update from Superintendent Jim Fish
January 12, 2021

Good afternoon,

Monday afternoon I was informed a staff member at the Ruth Fox Middle School tested positive for COVID-19. This person has not been in school since Friday, January 8th. North Branch Area Schools, in partnership with the Lapeer County Health Department, conducted contact tracing to identify anyone considered a close contact of this staff member. A "close contact" is any individual within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more. It was determined this individual had no close contact with any other staff or students.

We will continue to work diligently in providing a safe learning environment for teachers, staff, and student. We remind all of our families to prevent the spread of COVID-19, individuals should do the following:

- Do not attend school if you are sick
- Frequent handwashing helps prevent the spread of the virus
- Avoid touching your face and shaking hands with others
- Continue to follow the guidelines for social distancing and the wearing of clean masks

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these trying times.

Sincerely,



Jim Fish, Superintendent
North Branch Area Schools

