

# North Branch Area Schools

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James D. Fish  
Superintendent

Update from Superintendent Jim Fish  
November 25, 2020

Good afternoon,

Late yesterday, I was informed that a student in North Branch Elementary School and a staff member at Quest High School tested positive for COVID-19. The student has not been in school since Wednesday, November 18 and the staff member has not been in school since Friday, November 20. The student and staff member both have symptoms and it has been determined they were exposed to a person outside of the school district. North Branch Area Schools, in partnership with the Lapeer County Health Department, conducted contact tracing to identify anyone considered close contacts of this student and 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 that no students or staff members in the district were close contacts. All other individuals who were in close contact have been contacted and placed under quarantine by the Lapeer County Health Department.

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

- Do not attend school if you are sick
- Frequent hand washing 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

I appreciate your patience and understanding during these trying times. Wishing you and your family a blessed and safe Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,



Jim Fish  
North Branch Superintendent