

# North Branch Area Schools

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James D. Fish  
Superintendent

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Good afternoon,

Late last night, I was informed an individual at North Branch High School tested positive for COVID-19. North Branch Area Schools, in partnership with the Lapeer County Health Department, conducted contact tracing to identify anyone considered a close contact of this individual. One other person was determined to be a close contact and has been notified of the requirement to quarantine.

Earlier this morning, I received confirmation that an individual at the Ruth Fox Middle School tested positive for COVID-19. This person was last in the building on Friday, February 19. Again, contract tracing was completed and all individuals who were closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes have been notified to quarantine.

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 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 as we continue to work through these challenging times.

Sincerely,



Jim Fish, Superintendent  
North Branch Area Schools