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James D. Fish
Superintendent

Monday, March 15, 2021

Re: Positive Covid-19 Cases

Dear North Branch Parents & Guardians,

North Branch Area Schools received confirmation that three individuals at North Branch High School tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend. North Branch Area Schools, in partnership with the Lapeer County Health Department, conducted contact tracing to identify anyone considered close contacts of these individuals (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes). Two of the individuals had no close contacts with other staff or students. One individual was in close contact with other students last Friday. Those individuals have been contacted directly and will be required to quarantine per our health and safety guidelines.

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.
- **IMPORTANT: If a person in your household is being tested for COVID-19, please keep your students home until the results come back which are taking 1-3 days. We have had to pull too many students out of the classroom because a family member's test came back positive. These students have now unnecessarily exposed other students.**

The health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff remain our top priority. Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we will get through these challenging times.

Sincerely,



Jim Fish, Superintendent
North Branch Area Schools