

# North Branch Area Schools

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Superintendent

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Re: Positive Covid-19 Case

Dear North Branch Parents & Guardians,

We have been notified 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 (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes). This person has not been in the district since April 19 and did not have a close contact with any other individuals.

**North Branch Area Schools received new guidelines this morning regarding quarantine periods for individuals considered a close contact to a positive person. Effective today, the 14-day quarantine period for staff and students has been reduced to 10 days. The number of positive cases and quarantined individuals continues to decline in the district. As of this communication, North Branch Area Schools has 5 positive cases with 2 at the high school, 1 at the middle school, and 2 at the elementary for a .0021 positivity rate.**

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.

The health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff remain our top priority. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jim Fish, Superintendent  
North Branch Area Schools