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Superintendent

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Re: Positive Covid-19 Cases

Dear North Branch Parents & Guardians,

North Branch Area Schools received confirmation an individual at the Ruth Fox Middle School tested positive for COVID-19. This individual has not been in the district since Friday, May 7 and no contact tracing was needed. In addition, a person at the Quest High School received a positive test and this person was last in the district on Wednesday, May 12. 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 3 feet for more than 15 minutes**). 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.**
- **Please visit the North Branch Area Schools Covid-19 Dashboard at nbbrncos.net for the most up-to-date information on the number of positive cases in the district. As of this communication, there are 4 confirmed positive cases in the district with 1 at the Elementary, 2 at the Middle School, and 1 at Quest High School. This is a positivity rate of .0017 % of our student population.**

As always, we will continue to monitor each building and report any new information as needed. The health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff remain our top priority. Thank you for your continued support of our administration, teachers, and support staff as it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Jim Fish, Superintendent
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