



October 7, 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Guardians, and Staff,

I am writing to inform you that one North Middlesex Regional High School and two Nissitissit Middle School students have tested positive for COVID-19. These students and any school-aged siblings have begun the quarantine protocol and the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health have initiated contact tracing. They will be in contact with anyone who is considered a close contact.

Close contacts are identified as anyone who was within 6 feet for 15 consecutive minutes or more of the infected individual. Per district protocols for in-person learning, no student in the school district is within 6 feet of another student during classroom instruction for this amount of time.

We will continue to safely conduct our hybrid learning model within our schools at this time. Our first responsibility is to keep our students and staff safe. We are well-prepared to deal with situations like these as referenced in our reopening planning and have a comprehensive plan in place for consistent sanitizing of our schools, informing families whose students are at risk of exposure or in close contact, and supporting the affected family as they navigate this stressful experience.

Our student body and staff have been closely adhering to our safety protocols, including mask-wearing, hand washing, and physical distancing. We are grateful to our families for their continued efforts to keep students home at the first sign of symptoms. These measures, taken in combination, significantly reduce the risk of additional transmission.

While we will continue to be vigilant in adhering to all of the protocols that have been put in place in an effort to continue hybrid learning. We will also be providing remote learning for students who are required to quarantine at home

in an effort to continue instruction, provide structure, and maintain an emotional connection to the classroom during a time that we know will be challenging.

We are committed to continuous communication with and support of our families. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact our Supervisor of Health Services, Cathryn Hampson, or the board of health. If there is additional transmission as a result of this case or a separate case, we will send out another message immediately. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Brad Morgan
Superintendent of Schools