



Sachem Central School District

Christopher J. Pellettieri, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Sachem Family;

We would like to inform you that today we received notification about 12 confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Sachem North. Several of these cases stretch back to Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th. We share this information with you as part of our ongoing efforts to keep the community informed of issues of concern. Today North also experienced a loss of power. Due to the possible number of people exposed, the timing of the notifications, and the inability to conduct the contact tracing thoroughly, Sachem North will have to transition to distance learning for students and staff tomorrow, December 1, 2020. Here is the link to the distance learning bell schedule http://www.sachem.edu/Assets/District_Links/112020_Distance_Learning_Schedules.pdf?t=637414860658700000. Based on the timing of the restoration of power and the amount of contact tracing necessary, we hope this will be a one-day closure. We will follow up with all families with additional information by tomorrow evening.

We have notified the Suffolk County Department of Health Services of this information. As soon as the power is restored, we will continue to conduct contact tracing. If a student or staff member has been deemed a close/proximate contact, you will be notified by Mr. Larson and/or the Department of Health Services to self quarantine for 14 days. Anyone NOT contacted can assume their child does not need to quarantine.

As a reminder, the symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, coughing and shortness of breath. Some have reported additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, lethargy, lack of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea. If your child is exhibiting any symptoms such as those listed above, please contact your medical provider to report such illness prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Larson or myself during the day on Tuesday, December 1st.

Sincerely,

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