



## Binghamton City School District

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The district was notified this afternoon by the county health department that two students at East Middle School tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The contact occurred early last week. District officials immediately began reaching out to individuals likely to be contacted by the Broome County Health Department upon news of this positive result.

As a result, on **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, all students at East Middle School will shift to remote learning.** Hybrid instruction will return on November 30<sup>th</sup>. All students can pick up meals on either Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, or Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 1:00 pm at the school.

Per New York State Health Department guidelines, any person who had potential exposure to the virus may be quarantined by the health department for up to 14 days. A contact tracing investigation is underway, and the health department will contact any individuals who were exposed. In addition, our building principal will contact any families of affected students to discuss a plan for virtual learning during the quarantine period. The impacted area of the building is being disinfected.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to ensure the safety of everyone in our district. We will continue to keep you informed in the event of any additional positive cases in this building.

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