

November 10, 2020

North East, Maryland - NorthBay Education has learned that two individual's supporting NorthBay Academy as well as a NorthBay Academy student have displayed multiple COVID-19 symptoms. This is in addition to the NorthBay staff person and three students who have returned positive COVID-19 tests in the past week. The health and safety of the students, staff and greater community is NorthBay's top priority. As such we have considered the above mentioned cases where individuals have been symptomatic but not yet tested positive as positive cases. Once the individuals' conditions were known, they immediately ceased contact with the campus. Based on contact tracing, all individuals who came into direct contact with these persons have been notified and immediately ceased contact with the campus until such time that they are able to safely return.

Summary of impacts:

- 1 staff COVID-19 positive
- 2 staff COVID-19 symptomatic testing results pending
- 3 students COVID-19 positive
- 1 student COVID-19 symptomatic testing results pending
- 40 students who have been in direct contact with the affected individuals have returned home, affecting 5 student cohorts from the following schools:
Commodore John Rogers, Vanguard, Highlandtown, Francis Scott Key, Calverton, Stadium and Cherry Hill

Out of respect for the confidentiality of the persons involved, we cannot release any personal information.

These increases in positive cases and symptomatic persons is reflective of the increasing local and statewide COVID-19 positivity rates. Given this and **out of an abundance of caution we will be suspending in-person NorthBay Academy programing for two weeks beginning this Friday November 13th. In-person Academy programing will recommence on Monday November 30th.** Given the extensive action taken to date there is not a need to immediately suspend in person learning. All persons testing positive and all symptomatic persons as well as those they came into direct contact with have ceased contact with the campus and been placed in

a 14 day quarantine. All decisions that are made are done so with the most up-to-date health guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and State and Local guidelines.

If you are concerned about your child's participation in the program for the remainder of the week please contact us directly so that we can coordinate alternate arrangements with you directly. Please call 443-967-0500 or email northbayacademy@northbayadventure.org.

NorthBay continues to place the highest priority on the health, safety, and well-being of our staff, students and community. During the two week suspension of in-person programming a **comprehensive sanitation and deep cleaning of the facility will be conducted and onsite rapid COVID-19 testing capabilities put in place.**

NorthBay values your continued support and we look forward to welcoming students back to campus on Monday November 30th. During the pause in Academy programming we encourage you to continue to do all you can to facilitate your child's continued active participation in their school's virtual learning program which will continue uninterrupted. Additional information on continued student engagement with their tutors and the Academy program during the two week pause, as well as the resumption of in person learning will follow.