



**May 7th, 2021**

**North East, Maryland** - NorthBay Education has learned that an individual supporting NorthBay Academy recently tested positive for COVID-19. Once the individuals' condition was known, they immediately ceased contact with the campus. Based on contact tracing, all individuals who came into direct contact with this person have been notified and immediately ceased contact with the campus until such time that they are able to safely return. This has resulted in 16 students being subject to a quarantine period according to CDC guidelines. The operating procedures implemented to ensure that there are no transmissions between learning cohorts has been effective and to date there have been no transmissions at NorthBay. Out of respect for the confidentiality of the persons involved, we cannot release any personal information.

NorthBay continues to place the highest priority on the health, safety, and well-being of our staff, students and community while working diligently to support the education and social needs of students. NorthBay adheres to strict cleaning, social distancing, and hygiene protocols as this is our best defense against COVID-19 and its spread. 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. To view the complete NorthBay COVID-19 operating protocols please visit: <https://northbayadventure.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/NorthBay-Academy-Operating-Procedures-2020.pdf>

We always encourage parents to monitor your child for any symptoms of COVID-19. If a student or staff member is sick with any of the following symptoms, stay home: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, chills, shaking with chills, loss of smell or taste, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or headache or congestion or runny nose without a known cause such as allergies.

NorthBay continues providing all Academy services under our COVID operating procedures and limits. We will continue to keep you updated, including updates on instances that have a direct impact on students and the delivery of services.

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