



November 16, 2020

Dear Families and Staff,

Thank you for your partnership as we continue to navigate the impact of COVID-19 on our community.

**We have been notified that an individual from the Woodchucks room at our Wilton school has a confirmed case of COVID-19. Given that this information came to us late in the day after the Wilton Department of Public Health had already closed, we cannot at this time give a confirmed timeline of when the room will reopen. Assumed closure will be for a minimum of 14 days from last Thursday. Once we have a confirmed timeline from the Department of Public Health, we will send an update.**

Please note that the individual from our Woodchucks room with the confirmed case was last at school on Thursday, November 12th.

#### ***Confidentiality***

The information that we can share is that an individual with regular access to our Woodchucks classroom has a confirmed case of COVID-19. We recognize that protecting confidentiality can create an atmosphere of ambiguity and we share your concerns for everyone. After consulting with legal counsel, we have confirmed that we are forbidden by federal law to provide any possible identifying information. This has also been reiterated to us by local departments of public health. This means that we are prohibited from sharing names, ages, or any other indications of identity.

#### ***Next Steps for Building Blocks***

We take COVID-19 very seriously. During this COVID closure of our Woodchucks room, our Wilton school will undergo a thorough cleaning and we will remain in contact with local health officials.

#### ***Next Steps for Your Family***

We urge you to contact your regular healthcare provider to inquire about next steps for you and your loved ones. You can also access all of Connecticut's most updated information regarding COVID-19 testing easily online at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>.

For those members of our school community who do **undergo COVID testing while out, we ask that you please share any findings of confirmed cases with us.**

If you'd like copies of our COVID-informed payment, closure, and/or sick policies, please reach out to your director. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

*Lindsay*

Lindsay Hoffman, President, Building Blocks