

Dear Families and Staff,

As stated in our previous letter, we were faced with a positive case of COVID-19 in our Little Sprouts South End location. Since we communicated with you last, we were notified of a second positive case. We have since spoken with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and we are able to communicate the following updates:

- Our three open classrooms at the school, Toddler 1, Preschool 1A and Preschool 1B will be closed starting today, December 28, 2020, until Wednesday January 6, 2021. The school and all classrooms will reopen on Thursday January 7, 2021.
- We were required to provide the Massachusetts Department of Public Health with family contact information for those that are enrolled in the school. DPH may be reaching out to families.
- The building will undergo a deep clean during the closure.
  - The deep clean will include the use of a disinfectant that is approved by the CDC and regularly used in our schools.
  - The deep clean will also include an additional misting treatment that is used to disinfect all walls, ceilings, and surfaces.

We want to thank the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for their swift response to our school leaders today. While we recognize that closures are inconvenient, we also know that, right now, closures are additional and critical steps in our COVID safety response plan. We are committed to keep reviewing and revising our policies and procedures during this crisis with a focus on taking the highest precautions for families and employees.

**If your child or anyone in your household receives a positive test result for COVID-19 during the closure, please inform your Executive Director, Deborah.**

Once again, 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,

*Melissa*

Melissa Leger, President, Little Sprouts