

Dear Families and Staff,

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

We were notified yesterday evening of a positive case in our Preschool 1 classroom. The individual has not been in the building since Friday November 20, 2020, but did start displaying symptoms over last weekend. We have notified the appropriate agencies and are awaiting a call back for further guidance. Because we will not hear from these agencies until Monday, we have made the decision to close the classroom for Monday, November 30th. Once we hear back from DPH we will reach out with further updates and next steps.

Information & Confidentiality

The information that we can share is that an individual with regular access to the inside of our school has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was last at school on Friday, November 20. We were notified of the confirmed case on 11/27. We recognize that protecting confidentiality can create an atmosphere of ambiguity and we share your concerns for everyone.

Next Steps for Little Sprouts

We take COVID-19 very seriously and fully appreciate any concerns you may be experiencing. During this weekend we will undergo a deep clean of the entire school. We will continue to remain in contact with local health officials and pass along any important updates.

Next Steps for Your Family

We urge you to contact your regular health care provider to inquire about next steps for you and your loved ones. You can also access all of Massachusetts' most updated information regarding COVID-19 testing easily online at <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing>.

For those members of our school community who will be out of school during this COVID safety closure: **should you undergo COVID testing while out, we ask that you please share any findings of confirmed cases with us.** While we will continue to uphold confidentiality, we are also working hard to collaborate with local health officials and abide by all state health guidelines, which include sharing notice of confirmed cases within our school.

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