



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 of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in both the **Infant 1 room and the **Infant/Toddler room**. This individual has not been at school since **Wednesday, January 6th**. The local Board of Health has advised all close contacts to quarantine for 10 days and both classrooms may re-open on **Tuesday, January 19th**.**

We are strongly urging all families and staff from this room to undergo COVID testing.

Confidentiality

The information that we can share is that an individual with regular access to the inside our school from our **Infant 1 room** and the **Infant/Toddler room** 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 Little Sprouts

While we remain on track to reopen these rooms on **January 19th**, we again strongly urge everyone from these rooms to undergo COVID testing prior to coming back to school.

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 Massachusetts' and New Hampshire's most updated information regarding COVID-19 testing easily online at: <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing> (MA) and <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm> (NH).

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,

Jackie

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