

January 9, 2021

Dear Lawrence Families and Staff,

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

**We were notified this morning of a positive case that affects our Infant 3 classroom. We have reached out to the local board of health and are awaiting a call back but the classroom will remain closed through Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and will reopen on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. If any other guidance is given once hearing back from the local board of health, we will send out an update at that time.**

#### **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. The individual was last in the school on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. 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. This classroom will undergo a deep cleaning this weekend. 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,

*Jackie*

Jackie Kebabjian, Director of Operations, Little Sprouts