

January 12, 2021

Dear Families and Staff,

As stated in our previous letter, we were faced with a positive case of COVID-19 in our Preschool 1 room at Little Sprouts Merrimack. We have since spoken with the NH Department of Public Health, and we are able to communicate the following updates:

- Our Preschool 1 room will remain closed until Friday, January 22. The room will reopen on Monday, January 25. Any enrolled child who has a sibling in our Preschool 1 room will also be asked to remain out of care until the Preschool 1 room reopens.
- We were required to provide the NH Department of Public Health with family contact information for those that are enrolled in Preschool 1. DPH will be reaching out to these families.
- While the Department of Public Health did not advise us to close the entire school, the building will undergo a deep clean. For the safety of all, our Preschool 1 room will remain closed off for the time being. The Preschool 1 room will then undergo a deep cleaning, after hours.
 - 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.

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.

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.

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,

Susana

Susana Hall, Regional Director, Little Sprouts