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Early Education & Child Care

December 15, 2020

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 the Infant/Toddler room at our Methuen school. We have contacted the Methuen Board of Health, and have been advised to close the room for 14 days. The infant/toddler room will reopen on Monday December 28th. Any enrolled child who has a sibling in our Infant/Toddler room will also need to remain out of school beginning today and asked to remain out of care until the Infant/Toddler room reopens.

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 December 11th. We were notified of the confirmed case on December 14th. 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 closure of our **Infant/Toddler room**, we will undergo a deep clean and remain in contact with local health officials. We will continue to 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' 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 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. We will send along any pertinent updates as soon as we have them. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Melissa
Melissa Leger, President, Little Sprouts