

December 21, 2020

Dear Parents,

In keeping with Desert Garden Montessori's practices to respond to COVID-19, we are notifying all student families, and the community, that a child in Classroom 9 has tested positive for COVID-19. The child last attended in-person learning on Wednesday, December 16.

DGM on-site/campus contact tracing has been completed. Fortunately, we believe community exposure has been greatly reduced due to efficient communication, wearing of masks, as well as all of our hygiene and safety practices throughout the classrooms and campus. Should you or your child/children begin exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms, please:

- Remain home and self-quarantine from friends, family, and holiday gatherings
- Contact your primary care physician
- Contact the school via [support@desertgardenmontessori.org](mailto:support@desertgardenmontessori.org) so that we may continue our internal contact tracing

Please review our community response plan:

## COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN

- Due to the timing of holiday break, if no additional COVID-19 symptoms or illnesses are reported, all students and staff may return to school after the holiday break, **Monday, January 4**. Should this date need to be adjusted, we will communicate ASAP.
- Per [CDC guidelines](#):
  - Stay home and self-quarantine for 14 days, if you might have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
  - Should you desire to have your student tested due to possible exposure in Classroom 9, please do so on Day 5 post exposure (December 21) **or later**

## PHONE NUMBERS & SUPPORT

- **Main Office / Front Desk (live attendant):** (480) 496-9833
- **Attendance Line (24/7 voicemail):** (480) 893-6516
- **Email:** [support@desertgardenmontessori.org](mailto:support@desertgardenmontessori.org)

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [support@desertgardenmontessori.org](mailto:support@desertgardenmontessori.org).

Please enjoy a safe, beautiful, and restful holiday break!

In wellness,



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Executive Director