



OMICRON VARIANT (COVID-19) NOTICE

December 27, 2021

Dear Families,

We hope that you have enjoyed the holidays and were able to spend time with your loved ones. As we look ahead to the New Year, our highest priority is to continue to ensure the health and safety of our children, families, and staff. Due to the rise of Covid-19 cases, we are putting additional health and safety measures in place to ensure students and staff are safe and that our program can continue to be open.

To avoid transmission of the virus, we ***strongly encourage*** that all students get tested for COVID-19, through a PCR, lab-based rapid test, or a home test kit, before returning to daycare on January 3, regardless of vaccination status. For a list of testing sites, including sites with at-home rapid tests, call 212- COVID19, visit <http://nyc.gov/covidtest>, or text "COVID TEST" to 855-48, or call 311 to find a nearby testing site. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) continues to open new testing sites, so please check back often for updates.

Additionally, many pharmacies and doctor's offices may be offering COVID-19 testing. Please check with your pediatrician's office or local pharmacy to see if you can schedule a test.

Lastly, we ask parents to inform us **immediately** if a child tested positive for Covid-19. We will do our best to provide a safe environment for our children and staff, but we need your cooperation.

Thank you and wishing you a Happy New Year!