Dear Families and Staff,

Thank you for your continued patience as we respond to the constantly evolving situation of COVID-19 in our community. As outlined in our *[Link to your school’s protocol]***,** both the *[Your County]* COVID-19 positivity rate and community contagion within our school are critical criteria in our plans for operation. COVID-19 rates are currently dangerously high throughout the state and in our local community. Although the county data released today shows a high positivity rate at *[XX%, your county’s latest percent positivity rate, available at* [*https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/testing*](https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/testing)*]*, our families and staff have been diligent in keeping contagion within our community minimal.*[Provide specific information about your school’s opening timeline]*

The decision to operate our school for in-person learning during this time brings great responsibility, *a shared responsibility*. Public health experts anticipate the spread in our region to worsen before it improves. We MUST ALL DO OUR PART to have the best chance for our children to continue to learn in person.

In addition to the latest [**North Carolina State Directives**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0019-9nVG5edzxnbVKZAYlga0ohFe0KUbbzimMAeD4w8mVhqm0Doa9Tq9Oe_-TfIgGJgC2QQsIIDUSr_Jhy3xX8otSWmzO55evy6_gxweV72U8ZBhO6daoiKwEYHuYnIL6XFjP9mY9KtNz7WgMFLRwsVlUsWR6VWUjitjlUjKIK4KwutS5VsWCcQqd9hlyjS5ScxYSii5KwdmZUdJ4GS7wJJn7WmHaYhQZzRBT_8cMvHoSZLDU_Ka1HD7LZPrUm_dML88UEasJrVTosaKdTWQDLvw==&c=DuwTEnaTrfD7eZ9axf7qtb6Qqeh1Q1TnoCWngddMHGdclJmh5SUSMA==&ch=ZDvJjqV2xUYcdaXrTeARgx6CEyX0HM2MFlGqdxhxygmpZm8JjxGSvg==), to keep our preschool community safe and healthy, we implore you to continue the following:

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* Practice the 3 **W**’s always: **W**ear masks, **W**ash hands, and **W**ait 6-feet apart.
* Limit interactions with large groups, particularly those outside your regular social interaction group.
* Reconsider unnecessary travel, events, and social gatherings.
* Keep your child(ren) home, even with mild or questionable illness, until you are sure they are not contagious.
* Avoid playdates, social gatherings and birthday parties that involve multiple family units, particularly those held indoors and/or unmasked—every person-to-person interaction matters.
* Get your flu shot and consider a COVID-19 vaccination as soon as it is available to you.
* Complete the mandatory Daily Health Screening with *honesty* and *accuracy*.

*[Provide specific information about the method and frequency of communication about COVID-19 cases in your school community.]*

*[Consider asking families and staff to complete a community health agreement form and/or a family agreement form that acknowledges receipt of information and understanding of the actions they are being asked. You may wish to collect this information electronically via a Google form or other means.]*

To recognize our community’s commitment to the school's safe and productive

continuing operations, we are asking each family to complete the Family Agreement below as an acknowledgment of enrollment obligations and honest, timely, and accurate health screen reporting.

*[Example forms:*

[*https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WOKPeJRbyu6kAs1u4RkTdUjWYSYTKOXK/view?usp=sharing*](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WOKPeJRbyu6kAs1u4RkTdUjWYSYTKOXK/view?usp=sharing)*]*

*[Provide any additional information specific to your school]*

Thank you again for your patience, trust, and loyalty throughout this process. Together we will provide a safe and nurturing environment for our entire preschool community.

Sincerely,