

# ANDOVER ACADEMY

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your understanding and patience with us! After communication and consultation from the Health Department, we have plans in place to reopen Andover Academy on January 20th 2021. The Health Department will be in contact with potentially affected students. Our teachers must have a confirmed negative test before they can return and we will be administering a rigorous clean of the facility while we are closed. The safety of our students is our number one priority, but we also need to remain vigilant for our children's grandparents, uncles/aunts, and other extended family members as well as older staff/teachers who are more susceptible to this particular virus and play an integral role in our children's lives.

We have also been in contact with other preschools from before we initially closed in March 2020 for guidance and sharing of ideas - this is an unprecedented situation and there was not a clear directive from the state. Other preschools have shut down and reopened and we try to gather as much tips and insights from our friends in the Early Childhood industry as much as possible to address and prevent possible cases of COVID-19. We do need to adhere to the policies in place regarding confidentiality and disclosing of personal diagnoses and follow protocol in order to be compliant with the law, we wish to be more transparent with our parents and families as we consider you family, but please understand that we also need to follow the guidelines put in place and to respect the privacy of individual cases.

No matter how vigilant we are, the spread of this virus is inevitable especially with new strains that are even more contagious; despite this fact, we are constantly reviewing and implementing new processes to alleviate risk as we get new information. We appreciate the help and advice of our parents in the medical

industry and will continue to seek out best practices from other Early Childhood Facilities across the nation as we are all battling this simultaneously. We will be documenting this in order to better prepare us for the next pandemic, so we will have a more comprehensive pandemic policy for the future, but just like hurricanes there is an element of these kinds of events that are impossible to forecast. We are trying our best, thanks for sticking with us!

Please feel free to contact us in this interim period while we are closed if you have any questions or concerns. Email is probably the best way to get in contact with us ([donna@andoveracademy.net](mailto:donna@andoveracademy.net)) or you can leave us a voicemail at the school's number (954) 577-9701.

Sincerely,  
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