Dear Parents of (name of child),

The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment has notified us that one of your child’s teachers tested positive for COVID-19. Because the teacher was wearing a mask, the risk to your child is low. Current evidence indicates that children are less likely to spread COVID-19 than adults and are less likely to have severe symptoms.

Per public health recommendations, your child may continue to attend daycare, however, they will be required to wear a mask (if over the age of two) in all non-classroom spaces (e.g., when entering the building, hallways, etc.). When outside of daycare, your child should remain at home for 14 days and watch for symptoms to develop.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, fever, cough, loss of smell and/or taste, chills, fatigue, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, muscle aches, chest pain, headache, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, sore throat, and runny nose. If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 during the next 14 days, please notify your health care provider.

COVID-19 is circulating at high levels in our community and everyone should be washing their hands with soap and water frequently, wearing a mask in public, and maintaining 6 feet of physical distance to prevent its spread.

For current information and facts regarding COVID-19 in Kansas, refer to KDHE’s COVID-19 webpage at coronavirus.kdheks.gov or the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment website at jocogov.org/coronavirus-covid-19-update.

Sincerely,

Childcare Name