

January 20, 2021

Dear School at Northeast Families:

I think we can all agree that our students learn better when they can receive in-person instruction and that the best way for them to make real gains on their academic and social/emotional goals is to return to the classroom.

To this end, our school administrators have decided to undertake a segmented reopening. On Wednesday, January 27, our Day Education students are invited to return to their classrooms. The following Monday, February 1, our residential students will return to class. Rest assured that all possible safety measures are in place and our staff pledge to continue to do everything possible to keep everyone safe. We will be following the same protocols that we had in place in December.

As before, we recognize that it is you, the parent, who ultimately will decide whether the time is right for your child to return to school in person. You may choose for your child to continue with remote instruction if you prefer; just let your child's clinician know whether to expect to see him or her on Wednesday. It is **required** that you complete and return the enclosed screening form to us in order for your child to return to school. You may send a copy ahead of time, either by mail or by photo texted to your clinician, or you may send the signed form in with your child on the first day back. Please be aware: **any** child who arrives at school without the form (either sent early or brought with them to school) **will** be sent home.

I would like to take this time to thank you for your patience during a very difficult time for all, and ask that you reach out to your child's clinician if you are in need of additional support. We are happy to help in any way we can.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your child's clinician, teacher, or one of our administrators:

For clinical questions	For distance learning questions	For health-related questions
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