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KIPP Columbus Families:

As shared last week, KIPP Columbus continues to explore various models for reopening and will announce the final reopening model in the coming weeks. We continue to ground all of our decisions in health and safety guidelines and recommendations, and all plans are subject to change. **The health and safety of everyone in our KIPP Community remains our top priority.**

Our families have [two choices](#) for returning to school this year and more information on these can be found in [this Q&A document](#). We will ensure that every KIPP student has a computer and internet access, no matter the option chosen.

1. **"KIPP at Home"**: This is an online-only/remote learning option that families can choose by July 27th (MONDAY!) and it will last for the first half of the 20-21 school year (August - December). Once a child is enrolled in this option, a shift cannot be made for this period of time (August - December). **Please [complete enrollment](#) for this by July 27th** if you are interested/have not done so already.
2. **In-Person**: In this option all students (K-12) would be able to return to campus for some in-person learning, UNLESS health and safety guidelines and recommendations require KIPP to operate remotely for a period/periods of time. In that case, KIPP students enrolled in the "in-person option" AND those students enrolled in "KIPP at Home" **would ALL be learning remotely/on-line**. If/when the health guidelines that required 100% remote instruction for all students shifted and students were able to come back to campus (between August - December), **ONLY** those students enrolled in the "in-person" option would do so, and KIPP at Home students would remain learning remotely.

The chart below shows the three ways in which we may open or operate during this school year for our in-person option. It is possible that we could open in any of these three ways, but given that COVID-19 cases in our community are not declining, enhanced considerations are being made to opening with a remote-only model for all students (K-12) to begin the 20-21 school year with *all plans subject to change*.

Please note that we still do not have information about what transportation will/will not be provided. As soon as we know something from Columbus City Schools, we will communicate this to you. In the meantime, we are actively exploring alternatives and recommend KIPP families also explore personal alternatives to getting your child(ren) to school.

IN PERSON LEARNING OPTIONS POSSIBILITIES 20-21 SCHOOL YEAR		
<i>(These are in addition to KIPP at HOME, KIPP's 100% remote/online option for families for August-December)</i>		
IN-PERSON LEARNING, K-12	HYBRID IN-PERSON and REMOTE	REMOTE LEARNING, K-12
All K-12 Students (those <i>not</i> participating in "KIPP at Home") on campus learning at least 4 days per week	Younger KIPPsters (<i>at least</i> K-3) on campus learning daily (at least 4 days per week) Older KIPPsters (~ 4-12) on campus learning at least 2 days per week and learning remotely, from home the other days (when possible, siblings would come to school on the same days).	All KIPPsters learn from home for a period/periods of time. Note: <i>Intermittent closures may also occur in which parts of our campus may go to remote learning for periods of time. KIPP Columbus will work in partnership with Columbus Public Health to determine if it is necessary to close an individual classroom, school etc. based on COVID-19 exposure and will follow all Columbus Public Health recommendations and guidance.</i>

As the challenges and uncertainties continue, we know these decisions are not easy ones and the impact of this is incredibly significant. Please know that if KIPP did need to open the school year with remote learning based on health and safety recommendations/guidelines, we are actively exploring ways campus could still be open in various ways to provide engagement opportunities for your child(ren) and support for our KIPP families - we will explore every option and partnership we can. In the meantime, if we can help/be supportive in any way, please [contact us](#) anytime. **We are in this together.**

In partnership,

Hannah D. Powell, Executive Director