



November 18, 2020

Dear KIPP Columbus Families,

As you may be aware, earlier today city and county officials announced a new Health Advisory that will take effect this Friday, November 20th at 6:00pm and end on December 18th. This advisory is in place for two consecutive incubation periods of the COVID-19 virus (28 days), or until such time as both health departments determine a change to the guidance is appropriate.

The advisory is detailed below and the full announcement and additional information can be reviewed [here](#).

This Stay at Home Advisory recommends residents only leave home to go to work or school, or for essential needs such as seeking medical care, going to the grocery store or pharmacy, picking up food, or receiving deliveries. Additionally this announcement provided the following recommendations:

- Avoid traveling in and out of the state
- Forgo having guests during the upcoming holiday season/having guests in one's home
- Any outdoor gatherings are discouraged over 10 people
- Schools and child care/day care providers are *encouraged* to provide services as they are, but are *discouraged* from continuing all extracurricular activities, including athletics
- Businesses are encouraged to allow for as much "working from home" as possible.

This announcement was made as changes in our county and state COVID numbers continue to be concerning, with our county positivity rate climbing to 12.5% and our area hospitals becoming full.

Based on this new advisory, ***effective THIS FRIDAY at 6PM:***

- KIPP's After School Programming and Sports/Extracurriculars *will be suspended* for the duration of the Stay At Home Advisory (November 20th-December 18th).
- Food Distribution will continue on Tuesdays from 9a-12p and from 4p-6p for the foreseeable future.
- The KIPP Columbus Early Learning Center will continue to operate until further notice.

Please note that Franklin County is *not yet in the top tier (level 4)* of the state's color system, but that could change as soon as tomorrow, and we will be in touch with further details/next steps as required based on additional information. As always, if you have any questions please [contact us](#) anytime.

KIPP's campus will remain closed next week as planned (November 23rd-27th) with students returning to remote learning on November 30th- December 18th. A determination regarding KIPP's learning model returning from winter break will be revisited/determined in mid December as planned, but as we know the status of the virus is changing daily.

These unprecedented times continue to present unique challenges, and they are difficult to say the least. Thank you for your partnership in working to keep our community as safe and healthy as possible.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hannah D. Powell".

Hannah D. Powell
Executive Director, KIPP Columbus