

WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE - DECEMBER 4, 2020

Hopefully your family had an enjoyable, safe, and healthy holiday and all of our KIPPsters had a great first week back. It doesn't seem possible that we only have two weeks remaining in this most unusual of semesters.

Yesterday afternoon it was announced that [Franklin County](#) is currently on a [level 3 on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System](#). This represents a shift from the previous two weeks when Franklin County was on a level 4, the highest alert level. While Franklin County is now on a level three, the current number of [COVID-19 cases is still six times](#) the definition of high incidence and with significant spread throughout the county, and we remain in a stay at home advisory.

The [stay at home advisory](#) issued for the City of Columbus and Franklin County remains in place through December 18th (advising people only leave their homes for work, school, and essential items and advising that extracurricular activities including sports be discontinued and suspended). Extracurricular activities and sports remain suspended at least through the advisory period and you can expect an update on how we will return from the winter break in January 2021 on Friday, December 18th if not sooner.

As we prepare for the second semester, please ensure you take a few moments, if you have not already done so, to [complete this form](#) to indicate your enrollment choice(s) for you child(ren) by 6:00pm TONIGHT, December 4th. ALL families need to select an option for their child(ren) as the current learning model your child(ren) is enrolled in right now is *only* for KIPP's first semester (August - December 2020). If you have multiple children at KIPP, please fill out a [separate form](#) for EACH child.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to our team [here](#). Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we navigate this most unusual time, together.

Virtual Social Services Fair

Thanks to a partnership with the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Ohio Means Jobs, Workforce Development Board, Human Service Chamber, and the United Way of Central Ohio -- this coming Tuesday, December 8th from 9am - 4pm, professionals will be available for live chat with our Central Ohio community. This event will provide opportunities to receive free assistance in applying for a variety of items including food access, legal aid, rent stabilization funds, childcare, career support and more. To learn more and register [please click here](#).

KIPP Columbus Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic & Flu Shot Clinic:

The NCH Clinic be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8am - 3pm the next two weeks and hours during the winter break will be shared in next weeks update. Appointments can be made by calling 614-263-6137 (option 3). Note, the clinic acts in much the same way as a doctor's office, so depending on the insurance the child/family has, there may be an associated fee. Flu shots are also now available for all 21 and under!

Food Distribution

Food distribution will occur on Tuesday, December 8th (and Tuesday's moving forward) from 9am- 12pm and from 4pm - 6pm). As a reminder food distribution is open to **ANY** and **ALL** children 18 and younger.

KIPP Columbus Emergency Response Fund & Additional Supports:

The KIPP Columbus Emergency Response Fund is available to address critical needs (housing, food insecurity, transportation needs, etc.) of our KIPPsters and their families at this time and going forward. The needs in our community are significant, and this is one additional step to meeting those needs. If you are in need of some

additional support at this time, please do not hesitate to reach [out to our team here](#), and we will do all we can to connect you with resources.

Also, if you (or others you know) might be interested in contributing to this fund, please do so [HERE](#).

KIPP Columbus will be providing essential items to families on a first come, first serve, as needed basis during our Tuesday Meal Distribution Hours (9am-12pm, 4pm-6pm) each week until December 22nd! This includes items such as coats, personal hygiene items, and other essentials.

If you (or others you know) might be interested in contributing to these efforts, please view our Amazon wishlist [HERE](#). Thank you for your continued support!

Columbus Metropolitan Library Tech Support & Homework Help:

KIPP Columbus has partnered with the Columbus Metropolitan Library to provide technical and academic support. More information can be found on [this website](#) or by calling 614-645-2275.

KIPP Columbus Website:

To find the most updated information, all family communications, and helpful links, please visit our website at: www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus. Additionally, a weekly COVID - 19 dashboard has been added to our website which will be updated each Friday with the weeks and cumulative positive cases on our campus for both students and team members. If your child is impacted by a reported case, you will receive outreach directly from KIPP Columbus. If your child receives a positive COVID test, please notify our team as soon as possible at covid@kippcolumbus.org or by calling your child's school.