



January 7, 2021

Dear KIPP Columbus Families:

I hope that you and your family had a good winter break, and the first week back in our remote classrooms is going well -- our teachers and teams were so eager to reconnect with your children.

As we enter the second half of the school year, we do so with enhanced dedication and commitment to ensure care, community, and connection are cultivated no matter the circumstance - creating possibilities and opportunities, together as we enter 2021. At the same time, 2021 has already brought with it unique, significant and continued challenges during what is the most challenging school year in modern history. And as we navigate the impact of systemic racism, the most recent violence in our community, the continued pandemic, yesterday's insurrection at our nation's capital and more -- we are steadfast in our commitment to create a better tomorrow, together.

As shared [in a statement](#) earlier today, our KIPP team is here to support you through this challenging time and please do not hesitate to reach out. We have counselors and staff who are available and committed to creating a safe space for students and families as we move into the days and weeks ahead.

Today, I'm also writing with an update regarding our restart timeline given the continued extension of the [Stay at Home advisory](#) (as well as the extension of the [statewide curfew](#)) to January 23, 2021, while KIPP was closed for winter break.

- We will continue to follow the [Stay at Home advisory](#) with extracurriculars/sports suspended until January 23rd and practices/the season restarting on January 24th pending any additional health guidelines and recommendations.

Over the next two weeks (10 school days) until practices and games resume, coaches will be meeting with their teams to prepare for January 24th and beyond and students will be hearing from their coaches soon with more details. We are all eager to have the season restart safely and cheer on our Jaguars!

- 100% remote learning remains in place through at least February 5th.
- Our timeline remains the same for an announcement to be made regarding KIPP's Learning Model for February 8th-on no later than the week of January 18th. Details regarding orientations, schedules, safety protocols, etc. will be shared closer to the potential return/restart date (with the earliest students, who enrolled in KIPP on Campus, would return to in-person learning being February 8th).

I look forward to being in touch with you all in the coming weeks with the timeline and plans for our next phase of reopening. Your partnership and understanding continues to be appreciated.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hannah D. Powell".

Hannah D. Powell

UPDATE ITEMS

2021-2022 School Year Lottery | Enrollment for NEXT School Year (NEW STUDENTS)

Do you know a family or students that might be interested in joining our KIPP Columbus Team and Family? The enrollment window for the 2021-2022 school year is now open with our lottery taking place on February 26th. KIPP Columbus is accepting applications for all grades K-12, and as a reminder, KIPP Columbus siblings receive preference in the lottery. [Click here](#) to apply now!

If you have any questions please [reach out to us here](#) or by calling 614-263-6137.

KIPP Columbus Expansion: In the coming years, KIPP Columbus will be expanding to ensure we have the opportunity to partner with more children and families in our community and provide opportunities for the students on our waitlist - and beyond- to join our team and family. More details will be forthcoming in the coming months with opportunities for information sessions, ideas, and feedback. For those of you who were involved in the building of our current campus, you might remember similar sessions we had ~7 years ago! If you drive by campus you'll see that some work has already begun to set up the foundation for the growth. Look forward to connecting further!

KIPP Columbus Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic - ADJUSTED AVAILABILITY

The NCH Clinic will be open Mondays and Tuesdays from 8am - 3pm. 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, January 12th (and Tuesday's moving forward) from 9am- 12pm and from 3:00pm - 5:30pm). 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](#).

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