



Friday, March 19, 2021

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and safe.

When I last wrote to share an update about our reopening plans, I shared that we had seen a three-week decline in COVID-19 case rates and were going to proceed with our phased reopening plans. Please read below for updates on our reopening plans, an Intent to Participate survey, as well as an invitation to join us for a virtual town hall meeting on **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm** (no RSVP required – Zoom link in our Instagram bio and to be sent via Remind and on school website).

## **REOPENING PLANS**

As I shared previously, we are excited to provide your scholar(s) with the opportunity to return to school, starting on April 22, 2021. As we prepare for our reopening we will be offering two opportunities for families:

- ***KIPP at Home***: Families electing *KIPP at Home* will have scholars remain virtual for the rest of the school year, participating in instruction as they have all year.
- ***KIPP at School***: Families electing *KIPP at School* will see their scholars return to school for days when synchronous instruction is occurring. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for all K-8 schools. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for KIPP Atlanta Collegiate.
  - Families electing to participate in KIPP at School, understand and agree with the following:
    - ***Health & Safety***
      - Families must complete a COVID-19 pre-screening acknowledgement using PikMyKid app (sign up details and instructions will be provided to families selecting *KIPP at School*)
      - Families choosing in-person understand their child will have to wear masks all day while on school campus
      - Families understand morning routines include temperature and health screenings for all scholars before entering the building
    - ***School Day***
      - Breakfast, lunch and snack will be provided during the day for in-person learning
      - Transportation will not be provided so families are responsible for pick-up and drop-off (no before or aftercare is provided)
      - Students are responsible to bring Chromebook, headphone and laptop charger
    - ***Learning Option Choice***
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- Families cannot change their child's learning option after Thursday, March 25, 2021

**Please complete the Intent to Participate Survey for your scholar(s) by March 23, 2021.**

More details about the two options are available below.

Additionally, we invite you to join us for a virtual Town Hall on **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm** to learn more about our reopening plans and to answer any questions that you may have.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- **Health & Safety Protocols**

All scholars who elect to participate in *KIPP at School* will be required to follow all of our health and safety protocols. These include wearing a mask covering both the mouth and nose while at school. Additionally, we are asking that families complete a health screening each morning prior to coming to school. We are also asking that scholars who are not feeling well stay home.

- **Instructional Model**

In planning, it has been important for us to ensure that scholars electing to participate in either program receive the same level of support and high quality instruction. Additionally, we know that consistency is key, and we hope to minimize change for our scholars, families and staff as we close out the school year.

To that end, scholars participating in *KIPP at School* will return to class while teachers teach their lessons to scholars in the classroom and at home. This will require scholars participating in *KIPP at School* to bring their chrome books to school each day to log on to receive instruction.

We will have a LIVE schedule (where teachers are teaching scholars who come face to face LIVE) and a VIRTUAL schedule (where teachers are teaching scholars virtually at home).

*If we reach capacity that won't allow social distancing based on CDC guidelines, we will switch to a hybrid model, meaning your scholar would come every other week (a possible total of 6 days).*



*KIPP at Home* scholars will continue to receive instruction in the same way that they have since the beginning of the year.

This model has been piloted across the country and feedback we have received from our district partners and KIPP cousins has been positive and allowed scholars, whether in person or virtual, to continue to receive high quality instruction while also providing teachers with the opportunity to meet the needs of all of their scholars.

- **Milestones State Testing Update**

Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) assessment waivers have unfortunately been denied by the United States Department of Education (USED). However, the USED and the Georgia Department of Education have made it clear that scholars who remain virtual do not need to return to school for state testing. The testing window is currently scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2021 through Tuesday, May 18, 2021 and applies only to scholars in grades 3-12 who attend *KIPP at School*. Please be on the lookout for additional information regarding Georgia Milestones and reach out to your school leader with any questions you may have.

- **School Nutrition**

Our commitment to ensuring that each and every scholar has access to healthy, nutritious meals remains at the forefront of our work.

Scholars participating in *KIPP at School* will have access to breakfast, lunch and snack every day they are at school. Scholars will receive meals on Tuesday afternoons for the days they are not in our school buildings.

Scholars electing to participate in *KIPP at Home* will continue to be able to pick up a full week of meals on Wednesdays at their school locations.

- **Transportation**

As we shared earlier with families who were bus riders last year, we are making the difficult decision to discontinue bus services at KIPP WAYS Campus, KIPP Vision Campus, KIPP STRIVE Campus, and KIPP South Fulton Campus. We will no longer have bus transportation at these schools. We realize that bus services are essential to many families, which is why we have partnered with local community organizations to support families with continued transportation needs.

KIPP Woodson Park Academy families will receive separate communication about bus transportation as an Atlanta Public Schools Partner School.



**KIPP:WOODSON PARK**  
**ACADEMY**

**TOWN HALL**

We are sure that you have questions about our reopening plan and all that it entails. To that end, we will be holding a virtual Town Hall meeting on **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm** (no RSVP required – Zoom link in our Instagram bio and to be sent via Remind and on school website). We hope that you can join us and invite your questions! If you are unable to attend but have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

With Gratitude,

Dwight Ho-Sang  
Principal