

March 27, 2020

Dear KIPP Miami Families,

We hope this message finds you all well. We miss seeing your children's faces in our classrooms and hallways. This unprecedented event has impacted all of our lives in many ways. Please know, however, that we remain committed to our students, communities, and you during this difficult and quickly evolving time.

Remote Learning Update

In this uncharted territory of remote learning with students, we want to thank you in advance for your patience as we make further plans to continue instruction beyond our classroom walls. As we move to virtual instruction on April 6th, here are some tips for the next week:

- Stay Ready! We will communicate more details on the updated Remote Learning plan and expectations next week. In the meantime, elementary and middle school children should continue to complete the packet they were given; middle school students should also continue working on iReady online. As a reminder, the packets are also available online by grade level on our [Remote Learning](#) site.
- Beginning on Monday April 6th, we will begin online learning for all students in all grades. Please make sure your child's Chromebook or laptop is fully charged and connected to WiFi prior to that date. You can visit our [Tech Support page](#) on the Remote Learning site for instructions on how to connect your Chromebook to WiFi as well options for free internet service at home if needed.
- Families should ensure the proper care of student Chromebooks, which includes keeping them safe when they are not in use, protecting their screens from scratches and cracks, and using them only for appropriate instructional purposes. Additionally, our expectation is that students will abide by our school's policy on appropriate computer usage on our Chromebooks. Students are advised to use the Chromebooks for only what they would use them for at school.

Tech Support

We are committed to ensuring that students have access to online remote learning and we will work with families individually to address obstacles to their access to computer hardware. Last week KIPP Miami distributed Chromebooks to 2nd, 5th and 6th grade families. This week we have secured Chromebooks for our K and 1st grade families. Those families should expect to receive Chromebook devices in the mail by April 3rd. Our Remote Learning site has a [section for Tech Support](#) to help students and families set up their Chromebooks, troubleshoot issues, and request support from our Tech team.

Student Meals

Next week MDCPS will resume grab-and-go meal service between the hours of 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the following sites that are most convenient for our families:

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| Miami Central Senior High School 1781 NW 95TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33147 | Miami Edison Senior High School 6161 NW 5TH COURT MIAMI, FL 33127 |
| Miami Jackson Senior High School 1751 NW 36TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33142 | Miami Northwestern Senior High School 1100 NW 71 STREET MIAMI, FL 33150 |
| Booker T. Washington Senior High School 1200 NW 6TH AVENUE MIAMI, FL 33136 | Miami Carol City Senior High School 3301 MIAMI GARDENS DRIVE MIAMI GARDENS, FL 33056 |
| Hialeah Senior High School 251 EAST 47 STREET HIALEAH, FL 33013 | |

A complete list is located [here](#).

Update on COVID-19

Officials expect the number of positive cases to continue to rise over the coming weeks, and many school communities, including ours, will learn of instances of secondary exposure. The most productive action is to stay healthy, follow the guidelines instituted by the state urging residents to stay at home, and call your doctor immediately if you are experiencing symptoms. **Currently we have no known confirmed cases of COVID-19 among our students or staff.**

We will continue to communicate all updates with you and any information we receive about the impact here in our community as quickly as we can. We will use the direction from the Florida Department of Health, the CDC, and other public health experts over the coming month to direct our planning and actions.

The Florida Department of Health has also established a COVID-19 Call Center available 24/7 for information and resources. You can call 866-779-6121 or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

There are steps that all of us can take to safeguard our own health and the health of our community. First and foremost, everyone should follow the directives issued by the Governor to remain home and shelter in place.

Additionally, you should follow the CDC guidance which The CDC recommends that everyone take the following preventive measures:

- Wash hands frequently and effectively (i.e., use soap and water; rub hands under the water for at least 20 seconds). If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Keep a safe distance from anyone who may be sick.
- Practice social distancing.
- Clean and disinfect anything you touch frequently.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue; throw the tissue in the trash immediately.
- Adults and children should stay home when sick, and for at least 24 hours after a fever breaks.

Additional Resources

If you have concerns or need support regarding resources for your child's mental health needs or any other supports during this time, please reach out to a member of your school team for support or call our **hotline at 786-309-7697**.

We thank you again for your cooperation as we continue to navigate this unprecedented situation with the health and well-being of our students and staff as our highest priority. We will get through this together as a team and family. Please reference our website at: <https://www.kippmiami.org/coronavirusupdates/> and reach out to **786-309-7697** if you have questions.

Thank you,

Brett Kimmel

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