

December 10, 2020

Dear Parents, Families, and Staff:

I hope you are all healthy and well. This letter contains important COVID-19 and schedule updates from Kingsway Learning Center. As has been shared previously, Kingsway Learning Center has consistently aimed to understand the science, plan for a variety of circumstances, and balance the learning needs of our students with the health and safety of everyone in our community. We are proud of everyone's extraordinary efforts, and acknowledge that none of this has been easy.

Last night, we learned that an individual at Kingsway Learning Center has tested positive for COVID-19. We are coordinating closely with public health officials and following local, state, and federal guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. At this time, we have no reason to believe that this case of COVID-19 is connected to the individual with COVID-19 symptoms we notified you about on December 8.

In addition, the New Jersey Department of Health also released its updated CALI data yesterday afternoon. You may review this Department of Health data here. This data, which indicates an alarming increase in the COVID-19 case rate in our region, in combination with the recent increase in school-based outbreaks in New Jersey, has led our team to make the difficult decision to move to a fully-remote model starting Monday, December 14 with a targeted return to our hybrid, in-person model on Tuesday, January 19. During this time, we will be monitoring public health conditions within the Kingsway community and within our broader community to guide our continued path forward during this school year.

There is nothing that the Kingsway team wants more than a return to some kind of normalcy and stability, and we are all tired of the effects of this pandemic. We believe there is an end in sight, but conditions in our area will continue to deteriorate over the next several weeks. As a result, staffing an in-person program—even a limited one such as our hybrid model—will become increasingly difficult and ineffective, not to mention unsafe.

Families, please work with your student's team leader, teacher, and support staff to tailor the virtual learning experience to best work for your child and family. We will do our best to accommodate and support requests and needs, especially knowing that remote learning has limitations.

Please continue to follow existing health and safety guidelines such as staying home when you are sick, washing your hands, practicing social distancing, and wearing a face covering when in public. As always, we appreciate your support and cooperation. Should you have any questions about this situation, please contact Erica Pitt at 856 545 0800.

Sincerely.

Rachel Chan

Chief Executive Officer