Good evening Children's Guild Families,

There were four confirmed COVID cases that were reported to the school today. All close contacts have been notified. Additionally, if your child is from PGCPS, the nonpublic office has been informed and parents are able to reach out to the office with any additional questions.

The four cases today as well as the two cases from yesterday were detected from our weekly COVID screening. These cases may have gone undetected without the weekly screening as individuals were asymptomatic. If you have not consented for your child to participate in the weekly screening, we urge you to do so by filling out the consent form at this link. The testing only requires a swab of the lower cavity of the nostril. If you have already signed up for the testing and are not getting alerts for the test results, please email me directly and I will check your contact information in the system for CIAN Diagnostics.

At this time, the number of reported cases does not require a school closure nor would be considered a school-wide outbreak. However, with the consideration of the community spread and closure of PGCPS the health department has advised the school to transition to virtual learning this week (December 20-23). An email will be coming out with more information on the temporary pause of in-person instruction.

Additionally, I want to ensure that all of our families are able to have a safe winter break and see their loved ones. It is best practice to get tested at least five days after direct exposure to a confirmed COVID case. I urge all families to proactively get their student tested on December 22 or later before going to any gatherings to keep your loved ones and community safe.

We look forward to seeing our students virtually on Monday, December 20, 2021.

Thank you,
Abby Brandt
Good morning Children's Guild Families,

This letter is to inform you that to best continue to serve our students and families, The Children's Guild School of Prince George's County will temporarily suspend in-person learning effective Monday, December 20, 2021. Instruction will be provided virtually this week and you will receive an email from your student's teacher(s) with their Zoom information and schedule. We will continue to monitor the current situation with COVID and are asking families to please inform the school if your child tests positive for COVID over the winter break. Our intention is to resume in-person instruction on January 3, 2022, unless advised to do otherwise by the local health department.

As we prepare for virtual instruction this week, please be aware of the following:

- **Chromebooks**: Please take the time to fill out this [Device Pickup and Distribution Survey](#). Families can come to The Children’s Guild from 8:30am-12:00pm on December 20 to get a Chromebook. Additionally, we will be handing out materials for activities during this time that were scheduled as part of our kick-off to winter break.

- **Virtual Learning Schedule**: You will receive an email for your child's classroom teacher(s) with the Zoom information and classroom schedule. If you do not receive the email by 8:30am on December 20, please email [pghelp@childrensguild.org](mailto:pghelp@childrensguild.org).

- **Resources**: Check out our [GET Support link](#) that provides guidance and links to our instructional and school resources.

- **Need Help**: If there is an issue with your school device, please email [service@childrensguild.org](mailto:service@childrensguild.org). For all other issues or assistance please email [pghelp@childrensguild.org](mailto:pghelp@childrensguild.org).

Please stay safe and vigilant while COVID cases are on the rise nationwide. As a reminder from yesterday's email, we want to ensure that all of our families are able to have a safe winter break and see their loved ones. It is best practice to get tested at least five days after direct exposure to a confirmed COVID case. We urge all families to proactively get their student tested on December 22 or later before going to any gatherings to keep your loved ones and community safe.

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