



Sunday, Nov. 15th, 2020

Enjoy a Safe, Happy & Healthy Holiday

Dear Cushman Family,

Happy Sunday! I am thrilled that our first cold front will be here is just two days, and maybe we will be able to take out a sweater or two. Having some dry weather will be a great change, and I hope by now some of the flooding near you has subsided.

Being that we are close to Thanksgiving, I can almost smell the turkey and my favorite stuffing. While we are all looking forward to enjoying this holiday, it is an unusual year, and it's most imperative that we all remain committed to enjoying Thanksgiving in the safest possible way. I urge you to keep all health and safety precautions at the forefront and adhere to them. It is important for the children to be in school, and, therefore, it is our intention to welcome children back to campus on Monday, Nov. 30th, after the Thanksgiving break. This can only happen if we are all committed to each other's health and well-being. The behavior of each of us will impact Cushman's ability to keep our campus open to our children following Thanksgiving, up to the winter holiday, and beyond.

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT: Knowing the criteria for safety, if you determine that you and your child(ren) were unable to adhere to the guidelines of distancing 6 feet from others, wearing masks, and not participating in a large group Thanksgiving gathering, I am asking you to be transparent with us and considerate to other students and their families by

quarantining 14 days upon your return from the holiday. We are equipped to educate your children virtually and always welcome that opportunity when needed.

As you are hearing, the number of positive cases and hospitalizations continue to rise in Miami-Dade County, and the COVID-19 Advisory Team and I continuously review these numbers to determine their impact on your children's and our employees' safety. We are following the advice of our medical advisory team as we continue to track the virus and are looking at a variety of threshold data points that would cause us to return to a virtual learning model. We are trying to avoid a campus closure. These data points include positivity rate, hospitalization rate, and, most importantly, if there is spread of the virus on Cushman's campus. At this time, while cohorts have and continue to be quarantined, there has not been a spread of the virus on Cushman's campus.

Data Points for Miami-Dade County:

Friday, Nov. 13th, daily-positivity rate: 9.53%

14-day positivity rate average: 7.36%

Hospitalizations are on an up-tick

For Data Points for The Cushman School as of Friday, Nov. 13th, please [click here](#) to visit Cushman's COVID-19 Dashboard.

I know this is a challenging time as we are all family oriented and miss being with our families, friends, and loved ones. This is what makes us special. I am honored to lead Cushman's family, and we must always remember that our Cushman family is a part of yours; our decisions do and will continue to impact one another.

With love,
Dr. Arvi Balseiro