

## BACK 2 SCHOOL: KEY FOCUS AREAS

**HEALTH & SAFETY | LEARNING ENVIRONMENT | TECHNOLOGY | COMMUNICATION**

### GHC3 BACKGROUND

The Global Health Crisis Coordination Center was established in March 2020 as a division of the Center for Global Health Innovation by a group of public health and business leaders in Atlanta focused on supporting the private sector public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bringing together the best solutions for public health by aligning with private sector capabilities and philanthropy to meet the challenge of COVID and whatever health crises follow. It's not just our mission. It's our promise to people everywhere – especially those in at-risk and underserved communities.

### TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, WE BRING THE BEST TOGETHER

GHC3 has worked closely with the KIPP Atlanta schools to consider implementing routine surveillance testing for Covid-19 for their staff and students. We have succeeded in establishing recurring Community Health Events that include: free Covid-19 testing (IDtech Molecular Labs), food



distribution through the Atlanta Community Food Bank, health management education materials on Covid, Covid vaccines, diabetes and hypertension.

### CURRENT DIRECTIONS: HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Establishment of Vaccine and Testing Sites: KIPP schools and community locations serve as sites promoted to their community along



with the Community Health Events.

- White House's School-Based Weekly Covid Testing Program Fall 2021: Aiding in schoolwide rollout supporting parental acceptance and consent of the K-8 students Covid-19 testing initiative with intent to restore confidence in in-person learning.
- Integrating Technology-Based Solutions for Contact Investigation: With KIPP Leadership, assessed capacity challenges for adaptation of the federal testing program. Solution: pilot study within high school environment testing technology software and its effectiveness to increase school's ability to conduct case investigations and comply with DPH.
- "Covid-19 Positivity Rates in Schools in Underserved Communities": Completion and rollout of the data research project to increase confidence in safe return to school.
- Mental Health Resources: Developing a mental health toolkit to support school counselors to help improve the mental health of students, staff, and families.