



KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE ITEMS - February 19, 2021

KIPP Columbus Families,

Our teachers and team have been back on campus this week, preparing for the next chapter in our school year as we launch (March 1st), our in-person, hybrid (week on/week off) learning for KIPP on Campus students and continue with our KIPP at Home learning model. Our team's energy and joy is contagious-- with their care and commitment so lovingly extended through every space and preparation that has been made, We are so grateful to be one step closer to having our full KIPP Team and Family together (hopefully one day soon!).

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, understanding, and flexibility as we navigate this very dynamic year.

With gratitude,

Hannah D. Powell
Executive Director, KIPP Columbus

Reopening Timeline Key Dates and Family FAQ

- March 1: Hybrid (In-Person) Learning Model Begins for KIPP on Campus Students (Group A); KIPP at Home Resumes
- March 8: KIPP on Campus, Group B
- March 12: Professional Development - No School
- March 15: KIPP on Campus, Group A
- March 22: KIPP on Campus, Group B; Announcement regarding learning model post-spring break
- March 29: KIPP on Campus, Group A
- April 2: Professional Development - No School
- April 5: Spring Break, KIPP Campus Closed

Please take a few minutes to review this updated Family [FAQ](#) and [this return to campus video](#). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to [reach out](#).

Group A KIPP on Campus School Hours:

Arrival 8:45 am - 9:10 am

School start time: 9:15 am

Dismissal: 3:00 pm

We are excited to see our KIPPsters on campus and in our remote classrooms! Only students, teachers, and support staff will be in our buildings (no guests, visitors, etc. at this time). Thank you for your patience and understanding as we do all we can to ensure the health and safety of our learning community and beyond - this will be an adjustment for all of us, and your partnership is invaluable.

As a reminder, if your child has any of [these symptoms](#) (fever of 100.4 or higher, new or worsened cough, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, new or worsened nasal congestion or runny nose), please stay home, rather than coming to campus.

To report your child's absence, please call the main office of your child's school (614-263-6137).

Thank you, in advance, for dropping off your child(ren) between 8:45am - 9:15am. If you arrive prior to that time, we ask that your child(ren) stay in your car until 8:45am when health screenings will begin.

If you arrive after 9:15am, please park your car and walk your child(ren) to the front door to complete the health screening.

Dismissal will *begin* at 3:00 pm. Please call the front office before 2:00 pm if your child's transportation method needs to be changed for the day. If your child needs an early dismissal, please arrive before 2pm and a team member will meet you at the front door of the school to check your identification and sign your child out for the day.

If anyone in your household has tested positive or has a pending COVID test, they will need to stay home and self-isolate/quarantine per the local health department's guidelines -- *we hope you feel better soon!*

If your child tests positive for COVID, please call our COVID hotline (614-966-0425). Your child will need to quarantine at home for 10 days. If your child is enrolled in KIPP on Campus, you will receive a return to school letter from KIPP informing you of your child's return date.

If you have any questions regarding school hours, health screenings, transportation, or other processes please contact us [here](#).

After School Programs

We are accepting waitlist applications for 'KIPP On Campus' students for our after school programs this spring. We are filling spots on a rolling basis throughout the spring as spaces become available -- [apply now!](#) After school programming is provided during the weeks students are on campus for instruction. You can apply through the link below and please reach out to us [here](#) if you have any additional questions.

Athletics

Our winter sports seasons are wrapping up in early March. We are proud of all the work that our student athletes put into their winter sports seasons. Our boys and girls basketball teams as well as our cheerleading and drill teams have made the most of their shortened seasons and represented our school and program well. Our girls also recently competed against a top seeded Africentric team in the OHSAA Girls Varsity state tournament and our boys team opened their OHSAA State Tournament this week against Harvest Prep -- way to go, Jaguars!

FREE Youth Winter Coat Distribution and Food Distribution - TIME ADJUSTED

Thanks to the continued partnership and support of Operation Warm, KIPP Columbus will be distributing free winter coats (children/youth sizes 5-18) to those who are in need of one (KIPP Columbus student or not) during morning food distribution, Tuesday, March 2nd. If you cannot make this time, but are in need of a coat please contact us [here](#).

Food distribution will occur **this** Tuesday (March 2nd) 10am- 12pm and from 4pm - 5:30pm for **ANY** and **ALL** children 18 and younger.

Students who are attending in-person learning will receive breakfast and lunch at school ([click here](#) to see our menu!); however, their family may still pick up meals during Tuesday distribution.

If you have any questions regarding food distribution please reach out to us [here](#).

Teaching & Learning Update

We continue to be so proud of each and every one of our KIPPsters and have enjoyed spending Black History Month learning with them as well! We know that the learning and celebration of Black history should not be confined to one month, and we look forward to continuing honoring the past, present and future contributions of people of color in our country and world together!

At **KIPP Columbus Primary** this past week, KIPPsters have been learning and writing about black leaders in different fields and then writing as well as dressing up like them throughout the week. In Kindergarten, KIPPsters learned about artists, scientists, and innovators and then created poster boards presenting their choice. In first grade, KIPPsters wrote about someone they personally know (or know a lot about) who they believe is making the world a better place. So many KIPPsters wrote about their moms, dads, uncles, and grandparents -- so inspiring!

KIPP Columbus Elementary received over 40+ new books through The Conscious Kid's Anti-Racist Children's Book Education Fund. "These books affirm students from BIPOC communities, while also empowering youth from all backgrounds to take action against racism and injustice. There is considerable research showing the empowering representation, paired with content that specifically names and addresses race and racism, have positive academic and social outcomes for children of



all races. Children's books are one of the most practical and effective tools for initiating these critical conversations with children, and can also be used to model what it means to resist and disrupt oppression"

KIPP Columbus Middle students participated in the second annual Black History Month Showcase last week that included original works of poetry, singing, and so much more, including teacher musical performances and poetry readings, too! You can find a few clips of their showcase [here](#) and [here](#).

Even though this was an asynchronous week of learning, **KIPP Columbus High** KIPPsters were able to participate in a presentation of the history of Hip Hop with a Columbus famous mixer, DJ Krate Digga. Students were able to build community, ask questions, and learn more about this important aspect of Black History. They shared their own reflections and had a ton of fun. Shoutout to Ms. Atley for connecting us with this important aspect of our community!

KIPP Columbus Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic

The NCH Clinic will be open 5 days a week from 9:15am - 3pm. Appointments can be made by calling 614-263-6137 (option 3). Note, the clinic acts in much the same way as a doctor's office, so depending on the insurance the child/family has, there may be an associated fee.

KIPP Columbus Emergency Response Fund & Additional Supports:

The KIPP Columbus Emergency Response Fund is available to address critical needs (housing, food insecurity, transportation needs, etc.) of our KIPPsters and their families at this time and going forward. The needs in our community are significant, and this is one additional step to meeting those needs. If you are in need of some additional support at this time, please do not hesitate to reach [out to our team here](#), and we will do all we can to connect you with resources.

Also, if you (or others you know) might be interested in contributing to this fund, please do so [HERE](#).

KIPP Columbus 2021-2022 Lottery

Our lottery for the 2021-2022 school year was held this week -- there were over 2,000 applications for only 275 spots and we are actively working to expand our campus to address this. Families will be notified beginning Monday March 1st with offers of seats, and families can also check out their wait list number beginning on Monday on the online system [here](#). Thank you for your continued support of KIPP!

Columbus Metropolitan Library Tech Support & Homework Help:

KIPP Columbus has partnered with the Columbus Metropolitan Library to provide technical and academic support. More information can be found on [this website](#) or by calling 614-645-2275.

KIPP Columbus Website:

To find the most updated information, all family communications, and helpful links, please visit our website at: www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus. Additionally, a weekly COVID - 19 dashboard has been added to our website which will be updated each Friday with the weeks and cumulative positive cases on our campus for both students and team members. If your child is impacted by a reported case, you will receive outreach directly from KIPP Columbus. If your child receives a positive COVID test, please notify our team as soon as possible at covid@kippcolumbus.org or by calling your child's school