



## KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE ITEMS - March 26, 2021

KIPP Columbus Families,

On March 1st we had the opportunity to welcome our KIPP on Campus students to campus in a week on/week off hybrid learning model. With less than half of our students enrolled in KIPP on Campus, our hybrid learning model has meant only 20-25% of our KIPPsters have been on campus at any one time over the last month -- but what a JOY it has been to see some of our KIPPsters back on campus and our amazing students in our KIPP at Home classrooms, too!

Given the space in our program, our physical space in our classrooms (and outside!), the continued guidance from local, state, and national experts regarding the return of students to school, and the updated CDC guidance that shifts from students being 6 feet apart to 3 feet apart in classrooms (with additional health and safety measures in place), we now have the opportunity to conclude this dynamic school year with the last 8 weeks, **in person with all K-12 KIPP on Campus students beginning the week of April 19th**. As planned, our KIPP at Home students will continue to learn remotely for the remainder of this school year with more details/next steps being sent directly to KAH families next week regarding this possibility informed by seats/capacity available.

Based on Federal direction and corresponding legislation passed in Ohio, each school and district in the state is required to administer state tests this year, as such we will work with you to do so in the safest, most supportive way possible as we continue to prioritize care, connection, and community; more information will be sent to KIPP at Home Families next week.

In Ohio, students are not able to take the tests remotely. Given this, and the above information, adjustments have been made to our calendar to support the full, in-person KIPP on Campus (K-12) return, continued KIPP at Home learning model, and support for state testing. Those adjustments, as well as other key dates included in our calendar can be found [HERE](#)/below:

**April 2:** Professional Development, No School

**Week of April 5:** Spring Break, KIPP Columbus Closed

**Week of April 12:** Grades 3-8 KIPP at Home on campus for state testing, KIPP on Campus learning remotely

**Week of April 19:** ALL K-12 KIPP on Campus students return to in-person learning, KIPP at Home resumes remote learning\*

**Week of April 26:** Grades 3-8 KIPP on Campus state testing

**First Three Weeks of May (Exact dates TBD):** Grades 9-11 End of Course Exams (KIPP on Campus and KIPP at Home students)

**May 7:** Professional Development, No School

**May 31:** Memorial Day, KIPP Columbus Closed

**June 3:** Last day for students

**June 5:** KIPP Columbus High Class of 2021 Graduation

*\*School hours remain the same for the remainder of the school year (Arrival 8:45 am - 9:10 am ; School start time: 9:15 am; Dismissal: 3:00 pm)*

Thank you for your continued partnership and flexibility as we continue to navigate this year together. As always, should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to the KIPP team [here](#).

Have a wonderful weekend!

In partnership,

Hannah D. Powell

Executive Director, KIPP Columbus

## UPDATE ITEMS

### Reopening Timeline Key Dates and Family FAQ

- March 29: KIPP on Campus, Group A
- April 2: Professional Development - No School
- April 5-9: Spring Break, KIPP Campus Closed
- April 12-16: KIPP on Campus - and - KIPP at Home students learn asynchronously; KIPP at Home state testing on-campus
- April 19: ALL KIPP on Campus students return to in-person learning/KIPP at Home resumes
- April 26-30: KIPP on Campus students state testing (3-8)
- First Three Weeks of May (Exact dates TBD): Grades 9-11 End of Course Exams for both KIPP on Campus and KIPP at Home students
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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](#).

### NEXT WEEK (March 29th) : KIPP on Campus Group A - In-Person

#### School Hours:

Arrival 8:45 am - 9:10 am  
School start time: 9:15 am  
Dismissal: 3:00 pm

### Food Distribution Reminders - FREE VIRTUAL COOKING LESSON AND MATERIALS THIS WEEK!

Food distribution will occur EACH Tuesday 10am- 12pm and from 4pm - 5:30pm for **ANY** and **ALL** children 18 and younger.

On March 31st at 5:30pm, KIPP Columbus is partnering with the American Heart Association for a virtual healthy cooking class featuring chef James Warner from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. The program will also include heart healthy tips and a stretch break. Materials and ingredients needed for the virtual class will be distributed for free at the March 30th food distribution. Please [click here](#) to register for the Zoom class and to learn more!

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](#).

### Vaccine | COVID-19 Updates

Beginning **March 29th**, ALL adults (anyone over 16 years old) in Ohio will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

#### Vaccine administration sites

For a comprehensive list of vaccine administration sites in Columbus and across Ohio, [click here](#).

#### Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Site to Check Vaccine Eligibility

ODH has launched a new site ([click here](#)) for Ohioans to check for vaccine eligibility and availability.

#### COTA supporting with rides to vaccine sites

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is offering free transportation assistance to those getting their COVID-19 vaccine in partnership with Columbus Stand Up!

[Click here for more information](#)

### COVID Reminders

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 contact us [here](#).

### Teaching and Learning

**KIPP Columbus Primary and Middle** KIPPsters have been getting outside, enjoying the campus and great weather on the Battelle Environmental Pathway during their break/recess time. The Battelle Environmental Pathway is a nearly mile long path located on our campus full of nature, fresh air, and opportunities to interact with nature for students and teachers! KCP KIPPsters have also been using this time to get out and explore, too!



This week in 3rd grade, **KIPP Columbus Elementary** KIPPsters have started a new math unit on measurement. To help students understand the concept of area, teachers provided edible manipulatives! Students worked on arranging their Cheez-Its (representing square units) to model the area of a shape and determine the total measurement.

**KIPP Columbus High** students in Advanced Placement Computer Science A (AP CSA) met virtually with KIPPsters taking AP CSA across the country to prepare for the AP exam. They participated in activities with students from DC, New Jersey, San Francisco, Tulsa, and North Carolina, focusing on programming skills and strategies for success on free response questions on the AP exam.

### 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 Website:**

To find the most updated information, all family communications, and helpful links, please visit our website at: [www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus](http://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](mailto:covid@kippcolumbus.org) or by calling your child's school