



KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE ITEMS - APRIL 15, 2021

Good evening, KIPP Families:

In advance of our KIPP on Campus KIPPsters (both group A & B) returning to campus on Monday (4/19) and KIPP at Home resuming remote classes, our weekly update is being sent today in lieu of one tomorrow.

Before sharing more details about next week, the grief, pain, and outrage in the wake of continued violence against people of color, specifically black people in our country cannot be understated, most recently with the killing of Daunte Wright at the hands of police just 11 miles from where George Floyd was murdered - violence, no matter the source, must end.

As part of our commitment to be part of the solution, KIPP Columbus is working to create an Equity in Action strategy. More details will be forthcoming next week about ways we can and will engage together in an effort to ensure a better Columbus, a better country as we further actualize KIPP's mission in our learning/school community and beyond.

As we continue to navigate these most dynamic times, you may have seen the news that Franklin County has been elevated to Level 4 on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System. As the Governor shared this afternoon, the primary reason for this shift is based on healthcare utilization rates, and at this time, [local health officials](#) are not recommending a stay at home advisory and the "purple declaration does not mean that schools should close or go remote." KIPP Columbus will continue to follow the health and safety guidelines and recommendations from Columbus Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control as we welcome our KIPP on Campus students (groups A and B) on Monday. If you have any questions, [please do not hesitate to reach out](#).

With the Level 4 advisory in place, a brief reminder of the various health and safety practices in place on our campus to support your child(ren), our team, and our broader community as we collectively work together to prioritize health and safety.

- Air purifiers in every classroom
- Automatic hand sanitizer dispensers added to all classrooms and common areas
- Reduced classroom sizes
- Nationwide Children's Hospital Nurses (one in each building)
- Face covering requirements
- Social distancing measures
- Additional cleaning and disinfection protocols
- Health screenings, including temperature checks
- Installation of Plexiglass across campus
- HVAC system amplification
- And more...

Thank you for your continued partnership and support and we look forward to seeing your children on campus and in our remote KIPP at Home classrooms next week.

In partnership,

Hannah D. Powell
Executive Director, KIPP Columbus

Key Dates and Family FAQ

- April 19: ALL KIPP on Campus students (Groups A and B) 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
- 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

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](#).

Vaccine | COVID-19 Updates

Vaccines are now available to ALL adults (anyone over 16 years old) in Ohio are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Below are links to schedule appointments for vaccination -- *please reach out to the specific location should you need more information regarding the type of vaccine.*

- [Mount Carmel](#)
- [Columbus Public Health](#)
- [Nationwide Children's Hospital](#) (available appointments for ALL ages 16+)

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

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](#)

Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic -- Limited Availability

Our Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic partners will be in the community supporting community vaccinations. Due to this, our Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic at KIPP Columbus will only be open/available on April 21st and May 5th from 8am - 3pm. As we learn about future availability we will provide an update. Should you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment please call 614-263-6150.

Please note, this DOES NOT affect our school nurses, only the Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic, meaning we will continue to have 3 school nurses (one in each building) for the remainder of the school year.

Food Distribution Reminders

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

Summer Programming On Campus

This summer, KIPP Columbus, in partnership with various organizations in our community, will offer a variety of student camps, clinics, and experiences related to the arts, athletics, culinary arts, robotics, environmental sciences, extended learning opportunities *and more!*

We had a HUGE first week of registration for our summer programs -- *thank you!* If you missed out you can still apply for the waiting list for programming through the link [HERE](#). For families that were accepted, more information will be coming in April about next steps and launching on campus this summer!

If you have any additional questions about our summer programming, please [click here](#).

New KIPP Columbus Early Learning Center Partnership -- Kiddie Academy

We are excited to share that we will be welcoming a new partner, [Kiddie Academy](#), to lead our Early Learning Center beginning this summer! Kiddie Academy is a leading national provider of daycare and preschool programming with more than 265 locations nationwide. They have been fixtures in several of our Columbus communities (*with 8 locations throughout Columbus*) for years and are excited to partner with KIPP to serve our families and team in the Early Learning Center.

To learn more about the program or with questions about enrolling next fall for daycare or preschool programming, we are holding info sessions with Kiddie Academy in April and you can join through any of the upcoming sessions below:

- Tuesday, April 13th at 6 PM through the Zoom link [HERE](#).
- Wednesday, April 14th at 12 PM through the Zoom link [HERE](#).
- Saturday, April 17th at 9 AM through the Zoom link [HERE](#).
- Monday, April 19th at 6 PM through the Zoom link [HERE](#).

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

We have missed all of our KIPPsters over Spring Break and our asynchronous week and so very excited to welcome KIPP on Campus students back in person next week, with 7 weeks left to finish the year strong! Thank you for all you have done during this asynchronous week to ensure a warm welcome back, successful state testing for KIPP at Home students, and continued remote support for all KIPPsters.

KIPP Columbus Primary KIPPsters spent the week working on reading and math through practice on Lexia and Zearn. The KCP team has also provided KIPPsters with stories that are recorded for them to listen to and answer questions.

Our **KIPP at Home students at KIPP Columbus Elementary and Middle** have been working hard and participating in state tests this week. **KIPP Columbus High** juniors will be taking the ACT this Saturday. While we know that one test does not define our KIPPsters or their greatness, we're very proud of each KIPPsters' perseverance as they tackle each test!



Eviction Moratorium

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an order that may protect individuals from being evicted or removed from current living arrangements and may be able to stay through JUNE 30, 2021, if you qualify. Check out [this flyer](#) for more information.

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. 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