



Our KIPP team is prepared and excited to welcome your child(ren) back to campus next week as we launch the 2021-2022 school year. These unprecedented times continue to present both challenges and opportunities, and while much remains unknown due to COVID, we will continue to navigate this together.

Please know how thankful we are for your partnership, support, and engagement. We are counting down the moments until we are with our KIPPsters next week!

Opening Week Details

Vaccine Clinic: Tuesday, August 17th from 1 PM to 4 PM

- All eligible, unvaccinated, KIPP Columbus KIPPsters (12+) are invited, and encouraged, to visit the **KIPP Columbus Battelle Environmental Center on August 17th from 1pm - 4pm for a COVID-19 vaccination clinic**. There are no sign ups required, and a second dose clinic will take place in September on campus. Every participant will be receiving a free gift (art kits, sports kits, KIPP Columbus gear and more) for getting their vaccine at this clinic!

K-1 Orientation: Wednesday, August 18th from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

- **Please Note:** Only new Kindergarteners and 1st Graders (including those who were Kindergarteners in KIPP At Home last year) will attend the Wednesday orientation sessions.
- Transportation will be provided for Kindergarten and 1st Graders to attend. Buses will arrive for AM pick-up 1 hour AFTER the normal AM pick-up time you received in Power School for just this orientation day.

First Day for ALL Students: Thursday, August 19th (Arrival: 8:30a - 8:50a; Dismissal: 3:30p; School Day: 8:50a - 3:30p)

If you have any questions, please reach out at return@kippcolumbus.org.

Key Dates and Hours

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[Updated 2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#)

August

17: KIPP Columbus Vaccination Clinic (1p-4p, open to KIPP Columbus students and team members only)

18: KIPPster Orientation (9:30a -12:30p, all kindergarten and all new to KIPP and KIPP at Home first grade students only)
19: First day of school for all students

September

3: KIPP Columbus Closed: Professional Development, no school
6: KIPP Columbus Campus Closed: Labor Day

Hours

The school day will be from 8:50a -3:30p. Doors open and arrival will begin at 8:30a with students being tardy after 8:50a. Dismissal begins at 3:30p. All students must be picked up at this time.

Arrival: 8:30a - 8:50a
Dismissal: 3:30p
School Day: 8:50a - 3:30p

General Updates and Reminders

Transportation

We have been informed that some families may have received incorrect bus route information from CCS. The team is working diligently to resolve this issue. You should expect route confirmations and/or updated routes by no later than Tuesday (8/17). We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any questions, or need support in making changes to your child(ren)s route please reach out [HERE](#).

School Supplies & Technology

To support the health and safety of our entire school community, **ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES** will be provided **(free of charge)** for every KIPPster for the upcoming year. Additionally, KIPP will continue to provide and ensure every student has a Chromebook (computer) available for use (1:1). No school supply lists will be provided for the 21-22 school year. There will also be extra computers available in classrooms. Individual school supplies and 1:1 technology will help keep our entire Team and Family safe during this time.

Uniforms

As a reminder, we have *expanded* the KIPP Columbus uniform to include *more* options. As we make this enhancement, **every KIPP student** (K-12) will receive **1 free KIPP t-shirt** (these can now be used as a part of the expanded uniform) during the first week of school.

Uniform sales will continue through School Days (in store and [online](#)) AND uniform shirts will also be available for purchase at KIPP (10am-12pm and from 4pm-6pm on [August 17th](#)).

Families can purchase uniforms for the same price that they would pay at KIPP Columbus through the School Days in-person or online store. Uniform polo shirts (either navy or light blue) will now be \$14 for youth sizes and \$15 for adult sizes. If you previously purchased a uniform shirt(s) at the higher price of \$16.50 or \$18 between May 2021- July 2021 please click [HERE](#) to submit your information and we will be in touch with a *uniform-credit* coupon to reflect the difference in price.

KIPP K-12 Uniforms Include:

- Tops: Light blue or navy KIPP Columbus polo shirt, KIPP white Oxford button down shirt, KIPP crew neck sweatshirt, or a KIPP Columbus shirt (such as a athletic team shirt, KIPPster of the month shirt, or other KIPP provided shirt).
- Pants: Navy slacks or khaki pants (jeans are NOT permitted).
- Shorts/Shirts: Navy or khaki shorts or skirts may also be worn but must be at least knee length and skirts must have shorts or tights worn under them.
- Shoes: Close-toed shoes.

Should you need additional support to secure uniforms for your child(ren), please reach out to our team at return@kippcolumbus.org and will work together to ensure each KIPPster has what they need to begin the year.

Information regarding uniform vouchers (which provide a free uniform shirt) through Charity Newsies can be found [HERE](#).

Athletics

Our Jaguars have been back and preparing for their upcoming fall sports seasons (football, cross country, volleyball, soccer). Varsity sports begin practicing this month (*see right*) with seasons beginning on August 1st and we are excited to see games/meets begin this fall.



Streaming Games This Fall

Last year, we began streaming our athletics games/meets online to provide socially distanced support of our athletes. This service will continue this year -- [CLICK HERE](#) and subscribe to our YouTube page to receive notifications of upcoming games (based on the [21-22 Athletics calendar](#))!

Spectators

As previously shared, we will have limited spectators in person for our outdoor fall sports (soccer, cross country, and football). Due to the limitations on the number of spectators (25% capacity), the first tickets will be made available to families of our KIPP student athletes and the remaining tickets will be available to the families of players on the visiting team. If and when guidance changes we will revisit this policy with the potential to open up our outdoor athletics events to additional spectators.

We will also be continuing to stream all of our games online so that family and friends can support Jaguars wherever they may be.

Fall Sports Schedules

The [21-22 Athletics calendar](#) has our up to date game schedules for each team so you can follow our Jaguars and tune in and see our Jaguars compete -- GO, JAGUARS!

After School Programming

We have selected and notified families from the after school program applications who will be able to start programming in August. Every family that applied should have either received a confirmation **OR** a note indicating that they are on the waitlist for a spot in one of our programs. We will continue to add new students throughout the year on a rolling basis as new spots become available in each after school program. A few additional reminders:

- If you have not yet applied for the wait list, you can still apply by clicking the link [HERE](#). Wait list applications will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.
- After school programming for [Kindergarten and 1st Grade](#) **will begin on Monday, August 23rd**.
- After school programming for [2nd through 8th Grade](#) **will begin on Monday, August 30th** in a limited capacity, with more openings available (on a rolling basis from the wait list) throughout the year.

Food Distribution

Food distribution will occur on Tuesday, August 17th, 10 AM-12 PM and from 4 PM - 5 PM for **ANY** and **ALL** children 18 and younger. This will be the last day of food distribution as ALL KIPPsters return to in-person learning on August 19th. KIPP Columbus will be exploring what is possible, on-going, for long breaks throughout the school year.

Join the KIPP Columbus AVI Harvest Team

Our wonderful foodservice partner, AVI, is looking to add food prep and cashier team members to join for the 2021-2022 school year. Positions offer flexible and part-time hours and include team member meals. Interested to learn more? Please reach out to Liza Stokes, AVI Fresh Resident Director at 740-507-9915 or lstokes@AVIFoodsystems.com.

COVID-19 Updates and Reminders

KIPP Columbus Vaccination Clinic NEXT Week - August 17th 1p-4p, KIPP Columbus Battelle Environmental Center

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COVID-19 Vaccinations:

While not required, all members of our learning community (ages 12+) who are eligible to receive the vaccine are encouraged to do so. As a reminder, if you are deemed a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, but are vaccinated and not symptomatic, you will not be required to quarantine.

To learn more about where and how to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment please click [HERE](#).

To learn more about the safety, efficacy, and side effects of COVID-19 vaccines please click [HERE](#).

Health & Safety Protocols and Key COVID-19 Information:

Please see additional information in the [2021-2022 Family Key COVID Information](#) overview.

- Automatic hand sanitizer dispensers in all classrooms and common areas
- Nationwide Children's Hospital Nurses on site
- Masking requirements
- Social distancing of 3 feet where practical (or more)
- School supplies provided for all students
- Amplified HVAC systems
- Air filters in all classrooms
- Safety shield (plexiglass) available for classrooms and common spaces
- Health kits in all classrooms
- Discontinued use of water fountains
- Limited campus access
- Additional cleaning and disinfection protocols

If your child(ren) has tested positive for COVID-19, please call our 24/7 COVID hotline at 614-966-0425 or email covid@kippcolumbus.org directly.

Masks

Everyone in our learning community (staff, students, partners) will be required to wear a mask at all times while indoors and on school buses. Masks are also required outdoors only when in crowded settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact.

Visitors | Guests

KIPP virtual (remote) meetings/gatherings will be considered where practical and whenever possible.

At this time, there will be limited campus/school access (indoors and outdoors) with access for only staff, students, student programmatic/service providers, families and partners. ALL visitors and guests must have a pre-scheduled appointment. To schedule an appointment, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher/school leader. Indoor large group gatherings outside of essential school functions (ex: lunch, arrival/dismissal) will not be occurring until further notice.

Outdoor gatherings are also discouraged, and if these occur, the use of masks, minimum of 3ft social distancing, limited capacity must be observed, and sanitizing practices must be in place. All procedures related to visitors/guests must also be observed. (more details/processes around this will be forthcoming.)

Visitors/guests are required to follow all health and safety protocols and processes (including masking requirements, social distancing etc.). Anyone visiting indoors must complete a health screening prior to entering any KIPP Columbus building, followed by signing in at the (school's) main office thereafter. Indoor meetings with visitors/guests will take place in designated meeting areas within schools. All plans/processes are subject to change.