

KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE - AUGUST 20, 2021



We were SO excited to welcome ALL of our KIPPsters back to campus this week, and look forward to next week! Thank you for entrusting us with your child(ren) and for your continued partnership as we launch this school year. Have a wonderful weekend!

Key Dates and Hours

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

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

Family Handbook

Our new annual family handbook for the year can be found on our website at www.kippcolumbus.org/return. It contains valuable information on attendance, academics, contact information, meals, after school programs, athletics, and MORE!

Arrival and Dismissal

We are grateful for your continued support and understanding as we work to ensure a smooth and timely arrival and dismissal for you and your child(ren). Long lines and wait times occurred this week, and we are working diligently to improve our processes. The difficulties of having one entrance with 2,000+ students is recognized, and we are looking forward to our future campus expansion that will add an additional road!

While we are hopeful that bus routes will become more timely in the coming days, continued delays may be possible. Please contact KIPP Columbus 614-263-6150 with any transportation concerns/needs as we continue to work with CCS to ensure safe and timely transportation.

We can promise that we are working hard to get better each and every day. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on what is working well and opportunities for improvement, please do not hesitate to share them with us in [THIS SURVEY](#).



School Vaccines <Action Required> Vaccines protect children from serious and preventable diseases – and all K-12 students must be up-to-date on all required vaccines entering the new school year. Students with an incomplete immunization record 14 days after the start of the school year will not be able to attend classes (**KIPP's deadline for all vaccines to be up to date is Thursday, September 2nd.**)

Columbus Public Health has an [Immunization Clinic](#) at 240 Parsons Ave. where students can receive their vaccines, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. Vaccines are offered at Columbus Public Health's immunization clinic on a walk-in basis. No appointment is necessary.

Columbus Public Health Immunization Clinic Hours:

Mon: 8a – 4:15p
Tue: 10a – 6:15p
Wed: 8a – 12p
Thu/Fri: 8a – 4:15p

Transportation

All bus routes have been shared through School Messenger. If you have any questions, or need support in making changes to your child(ren)s route please reach out [HERE](#).

Uniforms

The suppliers of uniforms for School Days are experiencing significant supply chain issues. We are working in partnership with School Days to remedy this as soon as possible. We look forward to continuing to welcome our KIPPsters to campus, and will be in touch in the coming days with additional updates including when uniforms are back in stock. Additionally, all KIPP students will be receiving their free KIPP Columbus uniform early next week.

Uniform sales are still available through School Days (in store and [online](#)) AND uniform shirts will also be available for purchase at KIPP once they are back in stock (we will be in touch with hours). Families can purchase uniforms for the same price that they would pay at KIPP Columbus through the School Days in-person or online store.

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: Streaming Games This Fall

[CLICK HERE](#) and subscribe to our YouTube page to receive notifications of upcoming games!

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

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 accepted students **will begin on Monday, August 30th.**

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.

Return, Recover, Reimagine



As we return to campus we will do so in a way that allows us to reimagine and expand upon our academic and socio-emotional supports for our students. One way we will do that is through the use of The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). These federal funds are a one-time, multi-year supplementary disbursement designed to assist schools with safe reopening and student learning and socio-emotional needs in the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. [KIPP Columbus's Return, Recover and Reimagine Plan](#) prioritizes: health and safety, affirming spaces and socio-emotional supports, extended learning time, and early literacy as the foundation of these critical investments. We are seeking input from the community on how we might invest these funds within our key priorities through [THIS SURVEY](#). Like all of our plans during this time, this is a dynamic plan that will be adjusted with the needs of our students and community.

COVID-19 Updates and Reminders

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.

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.

Our Mission

Together with families and communities, we create joyful, academically excellent schools that prepare students with the skills and confidence to pursue the paths they choose - college, career, and beyond - so they can lead fulfilling lives and create a more just world.