

KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE - AUGUST 27, 2021



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. Please do not drop your child off prior to 8:30a on Agler Road or in the car rider line (*as there is no one present to safely supervise them*). Dismissal begins at 3:30p.

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

General Updates and Reminders

School Vaccines <Deadline NEXT Week> 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 next 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

Columbus Metropolitan Library School Support - Available Now!

The Columbus Metropolitan Library is providing support for K-12 students both at in person locations and online. This support offers homework help for all students, and K-3 reading buddies programming. Details are below -- we are grateful for this support from our Library!

Text K-12 Schoolwork Support: Monday - Thursday's from 3:30-5:30pm, text 614-810-4457

HelpNow Online K-12 Tutoring Support: Monday - Friday 2:00 - 11:00pm, [click here](#)

K-3 Reading Buddies Programming: Monday - Thursday 3:30-5:30pm, [click here](#)

In-person K-12 support at Library branches: Times and days vary -- [click here](#) to learn more about the offerings at the branch nearest you

<REMINDER> 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!

KIPP Columbus Campus Transportation Feedback

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](#).

Charity Newsies Uniform Support

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

KIPP Columbus Athletics - GO, JAGUARS!

- Football: Our varsity football team opened up with a 42-13 win over Mifflin last week! The team travels to Columbus Academy today for our second game of the season.
- Volleyball: Our Middle school volleyball team opened up the season with a win over Horizon Science, winning 2-0 in best out of 3.
- Soccer: Our varsity Soccer team played hard this week against Pleasant HS, but lost 2-3. They will return to action on September 7 against Madison Plains HS.

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 [HERE](#) to see our Jaguars compete.

After School Programming Starts MONDAY

After school programming for accepted students **will begin on MONDAY**. 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.

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 (including our team members!) on how we might invest these funds within our key priorities through [THIS SURVEY](#). Like all of our plans during this time, this plan will be adjusted with the needs of our students and community.

You can also visit the KIPP Columbus website at www.kippcolumbus.org/return/esser to submit a survey response at any time.

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.