

KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE - AUGUST 6, 2021

SUMMER CAMP SNAPSHOTS

This summer, KIPP Columbus hosted a variety of camps and experiences from football to robotics and so *much more*! Thanks to partnerships with Boys and Girls Club, After School All Stars, the Columbus Urban League, the Lindy Infante Foundation, the Travis Manion Foundation, the PAST Foundation, and a number of our KIPP staff, we were able to safely experience a wide array of enrichment opportunities, and look forward to expanding these in the future. Here are a few snapshots!



Key Dates

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

August

6-8: Ohio Tax-Free Weekend

10: KCP and KCE Open House

12: KCM and KCH Open House

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

18: KIPPster Orientation (9:30a -12:00p, all kindergarten and all new to KIPP and KIPP at Home first grade students only)

19: First day of school for all students

KIPP Columbus 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.

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

Arrival: 8:30a - 8:50a

Dismissal: 3:30p

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

All eligible, unvaccinated, KIPP Columbus KIPPsters (12+) are invited, and encouraged, to visit the **KIPP Columbus Battelle Environmental Center on August 17th from 1p-4p 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!

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 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.

Transportation

Transportation routes were shared with our families this week. If you have any questions, or need support in making changes to your child(ren)s route please reach out [HERE](#).

Ohio Tax-Free Weekend (August 6th-8th)

This weekend, August 6th-8th, is Ohio's annual Tax-Free weekend. What does this mean? You can shop many back-to-school items without paying a sales and use tax!

The following items are exempt from sales and use tax this weekend with no limit to how many tax-exempt items you can buy:

- Clothing priced at \$75 per item or less
- School supplies priced at \$20 per item or less
- School instructional material priced at \$20 per item or less

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

We are excited to welcome our KIPPsters to the 21-22 school year, and their presence at school is the most important thing. We do have uniforms at KIPP, and 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 10th and 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](#).

Food Distribution

Food distribution will occur EACH Tuesday through August 17th, 10 AM-12 PM and from 4 PM - 5 PM for **ANY** and **ALL** children 18 and younger. KIPP Columbus will be exploring what is possible, on-going, for long breaks throughout the school year.

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](#).

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Welcome KIPP Columbus Vice President of Operations: Jon Tucker

This past fall, KIPP Columbus launched a national search for our inaugural Vice President of Operations to serve as a critical member of the team. The VP, Operations will set a clear vision and implementation for various functions including finance, IT, data, school and campus operations as we bring KIPP's mission to life in our schools and classrooms every day and prepare to double in size in the coming years.

It is with great excitement to share that Jon Tucker joined our KIPP team this July as our Vice President of Operations. Below you'll find a little more information about him, and are excited to welcome him to the KIPP Columbus community.



Jon brings more than 20 years of experience in education and nonprofit management to the role. Most recently, Jon served as Vice President of Student Life at Girard College in Philadelphia. He previously held leadership positions within The SEED Foundation network of schools, where he served as Head of School, Director of Student Life, and Special Project Advisor. Prior to that, he served as Chief Operating Officer at Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Florida and Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maryland. Mr. Tucker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Wesley College and an Executive Certificate in Non-Profit and Organizational Management from Georgetown University, and he is a proud



first-generation college graduate. He, his wife, and three sons are excited to join KIPP Columbus and the Greater Columbus community.

After School Programming

We are working on finalizing our after school programs for the fall! Thank you to families that have already applied for a spot. We will have more information on acceptances and wait lists for families that applied NEXT week. Programming will be provided by four different partners from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Monday through Friday. A few additional updates:

- If you have not yet applied, you can still apply by clicking the link [HERE](#). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year after the initial group of students is selected next week.
- 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 waitlist) throughout the year.

KIPP Columbus Athletics

Last year, we began streaming our athletics games online to provide socially distanced support of our athletes. This service will continue this year and we're excited to begin our fall sports. [CLICK HERE](#) and subscribe to our YouTube page to receive notifications of upcoming games (based on the [21-22 Athletics calendar](#)) and to tune in and see our Jaguars compete -- GO, JAGUARS!

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.

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