



Key Dates and Hours

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

November (Please note adjustment to the November 11-12 Family Conference/Professional Development Day)

11: KIPP Columbus Closed: Family Conferences, No School

12: KIPP Columbus Closed: Professional Development, No School

21-26: KIPP Columbus Campus Closed: Thanksgiving Break

Hours

The school day is 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

<IMPORTANT REMINDER>

Beginning Friday, December 3rd, KIPP will release ALL students at 1:00 PM each Friday.

While the release time is early, bus transportation will still be provided and updates regarding routes and drop off times will be provided in early November.

If you have questions, please reach out to info@kippcolumbus.org or join us at a virtual open forum at one of the following dates and times:

- [Wednesday, November 3rd from 5:00-6:00 PM](#)
- [Tuesday, November 9th from 7:30-8:30 AM](#)

General Updates and Reminders

Homecoming Pep Rally & Dance

Last Friday, we held a campus-wide pep rally to celebrate our fall sports teams and celebrate our homecoming football game. So much Jaguar Pride as KCH KIPPsters made their way across campus to KCE and KCP! See it in action [here!](#) The KIPP Columbus High Fall Homecoming Dance was also held this past weekend as they creatively transformed our parking lot into a dance floor to ensure a safe, but fun and memorable experience! .



KIPP Columbus Athletics

We finished the regular football season last Friday with a tough loss to Bishop Ready, but this past weekend also included some good news! We've officially ended with our FIRST winning season (6-4) and also earned our FIRST berth in the OHSAA state playoffs as an #11 seed. We will be playing on the road against the #5 ranked Symmes Valley Vikings on Saturday at 7 PM (located ~2.5 hours south of Columbus).

Our KIPP program is continuing to build momentum, most recently featured in the [Columbus Dispatch](#) for the second time this season. It's been inspiring to see our KIPPsters learn and grow, and as shared -- they have over a 3.0 team GPA! GO, JAGUARS!

Senior Athlete Celebrations

In each of our fall sports, soccer, volleyball, drill, and football, senior athletes were celebrated as seasons came to a close. Congratulations to each of the following seniors for your leadership on and off the field, you have not only helped to build your team, but have also inspired younger KIPPsters - thank you!

Football Team

- C. Brown
- M. Carter
- D. Lowe
- Z. Walton
- X. Ferguson
- K. Smith
- J. Murray



Drill Team

- B. Simpson
- Z. McGowan
- A. Boateng-Anim

Volleyball Team

- M. White
- P. Quartey
- B. Brobbey
- K. Kellam



Soccer Team

- D. Humphries
- N. Jama
- E. Daniels
- F. Akpan
- U. Taylor

Winter Athletics Calendar

Next week's update will have more information regarding winter athletics along with the winter athletics schedule.

<UPDATED> Health & Safety Protocols and Key COVID-19 Information:

This week, the Ohio Public Health provided an update to quarantine procedures for schools entitled "[Mask to Stay, Test to Play](#)". This update will allow students who are close contacts in school settings to remain in the classroom and in after school activities rather than quarantining, as long as they are not symptomatic and continue to wear a mask at all times. In continued partnership with Columbus Public Health, KIPP will be adopting these updates effective Monday, November 1st to continue to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to ensure your child(ren) can maintain in person learning in as safe a way as possible. To read more, please visit our [KIPP Columbus Family Quarantine FAQ](#). Have any questions or ideas? [Click here](#) to share!

For the safety of our students, staff, and community please ensure you are reporting all COVID positive cases and meaningful exposure cases to the school so that we can properly assist your child and family. That INCLUDES any exposure with members of your family or community. Please call our 24/7 COVID hotline at 614-966-0425 or email covid@kippcolumbus.org directly.

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

Neighbor Trick-or-Treat Event

This Trick or Treat event is co-hosted by the Ohio History Connection and the One Linden Schools Initiative. The event will be held on Saturday, October 30th 3-5 pm at Ohio Village (800 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211). Families will have the opportunity to go door to door throughout Ohio Village to collect candy. The event is free but EXCLUSIVELY for families in Weinland Park and Linden.

Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) Partnership Updates

COVID Vaccines Available for Students NOW

Our on-site Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic will start giving the COVID vaccine as of Monday, October 25th! Families need to call the clinic (614-355-2590) to schedule an appointment. The clinic is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Students will require consent by a legal guardian to be eligible for the vaccine (unless the student is 18 years or older and can consent for themselves).

Late today, the [FDA authorized the Pfizer vaccine for children 5-11](#) and it is expected next week that the Centers for Disease Control will authorize distribution of vaccines for this age group. We are actively working with NCH to offer on-site COVID-19 clinics for ages 5+ and look forward to sharing more with you on this and other opportunities for your child(ren) to receive a vaccine next week. To learn more about the vaccine please [click here](#) for resources from the Centers for Disease Control and [here](#) for resources from Johns Hopkins University.

Flu Shot Clinic on November 2nd

Nationwide Children's Hospital will also be hosting a flu shot clinic on campus for students on November 2nd! There is a form being sent home with students to sign up. If you sign up by October 26th, your child will be signed up for a raffle to win prizes from NCH as well! If you have any questions, contact our clinic staff at 614-355-2590!

BOOST Job Readiness Training and Coaching

Nationwide Children's Hospital is providing free job readiness training and coaching for residents living in the following zip codes: 43205, 43206, 43207, 43211, 43224. They can help you get a job and grow your career. They have new classes available each month. Training is available in two locations including the Linden Community Center (1350 Briarwood Ave) and the Residences at the Career Gateway Training Center (747 E Whittier Street). To get started, email Kenneth Hunt at Boost@NationwideChildrens.org.

SPARK Ohio, Kindergarten Preparation Program

SPARK Ohio is a free, family-focused program designed to assist parents in becoming their child's first teacher and to prepare children for kindergarten. SPARK Parent Partners meet with the child and their Learning Advocate (parent or other family member) in their home or a place of their choosing such as a library or church. At each visit, the child receives a new book, lesson activity and educational supplies. SPARK through Nationwide Children's Hospital serves families in the 43205, 43206, 43207, 43211, and 43224 zip codes.

For more information please click [HERE](#), or call SPARK at (614) 355-0714 or email [HERE](#).

KIPP Columbus Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic

Did you know that there is a Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic on KIPP's campus? This is in addition to the services provided by our school nursing team. This school-based health center is very similar to a traditional doctor's office, but is conveniently located on our campus and is accessible to not only KIPPsters but also to any children in the community. To learn more about the services provided, please click [HERE](#). To request an appointment please call 614-355-2590. The clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday from 7a-2p.

OhioHealth Wellness on Wheels

OhioHealth will be providing primary and women's health care services through their Wellness on Wheels mobile unit at the Linden Opportunity Center. Simply call 614-788-3400 to schedule your appointment today! Not in Linden, don't worry, other mobile units are available in other areas of the city and by calling 614-788-3400 you will be routed to the correct opportunity.

KIPP Columbus Equity in Action Strategy



Thank you to those who participated in our survey last Spring as we worked to develop our Equity in Action strategy. The KIPP Columbus Equity in Action strategy is how KIPP plans to bring our commitment to antiracism to life. For the 2021-2022 school year, we have developed goals in [School Culture and School Climate](#), [Talent](#), and [Teaching and Learning](#). Please send any questions to info@kippcolumbus.org.

Late Bus Information

If you have questions or concerns about your child's route on a specific day, please call the Columbus City Schools (CCS) transportation hotline for support: 614-365-5074.

COVID-19 Reminders

COVID Dashboard

As a reminder, KIPP Columbus continues to update the COVID-19 dashboard every Friday. To see the dashboard please visit www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus.

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.