



### Key Dates and Hours

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

#### Hours

The school day is from 8:50a -3:30p (Monday - Thursday) and 8:50a - 1:00p (Fridays ONLY). 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 (Monday - Thursday) and 1:00p on Fridays.

Arrival:	8:30a - 8:50a
Dismissal:	3:30p (Monday - Thursday); 1:00p (Friday)
School Day:	8:50a - 3:30p (Monday - Thursday); 8:50a - 1:00p (Friday)

### General Updates and Reminders

#### Women's History Month: March 2022

Women's History Month is celebrated every March. During this month, and throughout the year, we are excited to recognize contributions from women to history, culture, and society. Within the KIPP Columbus family and community, there are numerous examples of strong, talented, and inspirational women, and we will continue to honor and highlight them throughout this month.

Below are events happening in our community to celebrate this month:

- [Tour the Columbus Museum of Art](#) this month to see featured female artists (admission is FREE on Sundays!)
- [Visit women owned and operated businesses](#) in the Short North
- Check out a free women's history month event at The Ohio State University (full list available [HERE](#))
- Celebrate women scientists with COSI [HERE](#)

Do you have an awesome Women's history month event you would like to share? Please send it to us [HERE](#).

#### KIPP Columbus Athletics Update

While it might not feel like spring, our spring sports are underway! We are proud of our athletes who are preparing for their upcoming track season with the first meet coming up at the end of the month. Thank you to both our spring athletes and coaches -- we look forward to cheering you on in the coming months and beyond!

#### Upcoming Dates:

March 29 2022 Bexley High School Track Meet



### **KIPP Columbus Emergency Response Fund**

The KIPP Columbus Emergency Response Fund is available to address critical needs (housing, food insecurity, transportation needs, etc.) of our KIPPsters and their families at this time and going forward. The needs in our community are significant, and this is one additional step to meeting those needs. If you are in need of some additional support at this time, please do not hesitate to reach [out to our team here](#), and we will do all we can to connect you with resources.

Also, if you (or others you know) might be interested in contributing to this fund, please do so [HERE](#).

### **Jewish Family Services - Rental & Utility Support**

Jewish Family Services (JFS) is an organization in Columbus that seeks to help all families, regardless of religious affiliation. JFS is now accepting applications for rental and utility support! You can find the link to begin your application on their homepage, [HERE](#).

### **Essential Items & Wishlist**

The KIPP Columbus student services team will be providing essential items to families on a first come, first serve, as needed basis. This includes items such as coats, personal hygiene items, and other essentials. If you (or others you know) might be interested in contributing to these efforts, please view our Amazon wishlist [HERE](#). Thank you for your continued support!

### **COTA Discounted Fares**

Columbus Transit Authority is offering fares discounted by 50% to families who qualify based on income! To learn more, and to apply, check out the flier [HERE](#).

### **Engage Ohio Program**

KIPP Columbus will be partnering with Engage Ohio, a statewide program funded by the Department of Education, offered to assist schools and families with school engagement. Engage Ohio will be providing intensive outreach, engagement, and enhanced support for eligible students in grades K-12. The goal of the program is to increase student attendance and GPA! Learn more about the program and eligibility requirements [HERE](#).

### **Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) Partnership Updates**

#### Vision and Hearing Screening Notification

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) stresses the importance of hearing and vision screening and sets the requirements for which grades must be routinely screened. We value this at KIPP and we screen all students in kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and eleventh grade, as required by state law. You will be notified in writing if your child does not pass either of the screenings. If you do not wish for your student to participate, please notify the nurse in writing by emailing [NCH@kippcolumbus.org](mailto:NCH@kippcolumbus.org) by the morning of 3.7.22.

#### 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](mailto: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.

### **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-19 Quarantine & Vaccination Updates

As you have likely seen, the CDC has shifted guidance from 10 day to 5 day quarantine/isolation periods. The Ohio Department of Health has put together [this guide](#) on when you should quarantine and for how long. Additionally, KIPP Columbus has updated our [family quarantine FAQ](#) to reflect this information.

As a reminder, if your child(ren) test positive for COVID-19, please call our 24/7 COVID hotline at 614-966-0425 or email [covid@kippcolumbus.org](mailto:covid@kippcolumbus.org) directly as soon as possible.

Any student (ages 12 - 17), who has been fully vaccinated 6+ months ago is eligible to receive a booster. Vaccines and boosters are widely available throughout Central Ohio and you can find a location by clicking [HERE](#).

COVID-19 vaccinations are available for all students on our campus through our partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital on an ongoing basis. To schedule an appointment for your child please call 614-355-2590. The clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday from 7a-2p.

Vaccine clinic opportunities for ages 5-11 in our community can be found below, or click [HERE](#) to find additional vaccination locations (note: consent by a legal guardian is required for any child under 18):

#### **Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Ave. –**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays (9a - 4p) Tuesdays (11a-6p)

#### **Linden Community Center, 1350 Briarwood Ave. –**

Mondays (9a - 4p).

#### **Columbus Fire Station 10 (Drive Thru), 1096 W. Broad St.**

Tuesdays (9a-4p)

#### **Barack Community Center, 580 E. Woodrow Ave. –**

Wednesdays (11a - 6p)

#### **Columbus Fire Station 18 (Drive Thru), 1630 Cleveland Ave.**

Thursdays (11a - 6p)

#### **Westgate Community Center, 455 S. Westgate Ave. –**

Fridays (9a - 4p)

To learn more about the vaccine please [click here](#) for resources from the Centers for Disease Control. Additionally click [here](#) for an FAQ, [here](#) for a fact sheet, and [here](#) for information regarding potential side effects.

### COVID-19 Testing Resources

As more members of our community seek COVID-19 tests, we wanted to share with you some community resources offering testing. In addition to testing availability at local doctors offices, urgent cares, [Walgreens](#), [CVS](#), [Kroger](#), and [Walmart](#) (among others), there is an additional opportunity for drive-thru testing at The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center detailed below.

- The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center Drive-Thru Testing Facility (2540 Olentangy River Road -- the parking garage of CAS Chemical Abstracts)
  - Monday - Friday 8a - 4p, Saturdays 8a - 12p, Sundays closed
  - All individuals must have an appointment and appointments can be made through MyChart or by calling 614-293-4000.
  - Those who currently have a MyChart account may schedule a PCR test without contacting their healthcare provider, if you do not have a MyChart account you will need to call 614-293-4000 or contact your primary care doctor to schedule.

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### Health & Safety Protocols and Key COVID-19 Information:



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](mailto:covid@kippcolumbus.org) directly.

KIPP Columbus continues to follow all guidance from Columbus Public Health, including recently updated quarantine guidance. To read more, please visit our [KIPP Columbus Family Quarantine FAQ](#). Have any questions or ideas? [Click here](#) to share!

Please note we will be continuing to follow our current health & safety protocols until further notice. We will communicate any changes or shifts as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued partnership!

- 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
- Health kits in all classrooms
- Discontinued use of water fountains
- Limited campus access
- Additional cleaning and disinfection protocols

#### **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](http://www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus).

#### **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.