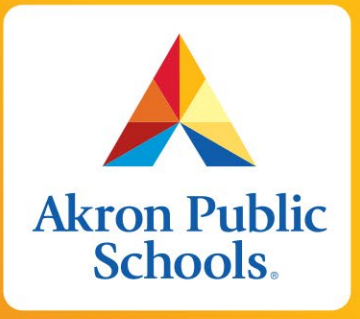




APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Tuesday, April 14, 2020

The official COVID-19 news source for members of the Akron Public Schools community



From the Superintendent

David W. James, Ed.D., superintendent

Dear APS and Community

Social Distancing, Day 29

Our administrative team and I have been meeting daily and working on plans for the murky future. Our planning runs along two tracks. One, if we reopen May 3 and another for if we remain closed the remainder of the school year. Some experts have expressed concern about whether we will see summer school, summer camps or anything resembling a normal summer in Ohio. Some have even cast doubt on whether we might reopen on schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. Regardless, we are working on every contingency and will stay in touch with you. Do the right thing. Wash your hands.

News of the Day

Meal site options for spring break week

- Akros Middle School/The Edge Academy, 265 Park St., Akron – Mon.-Fri., 9-11 a.m.
- Spring Hill Elementary School, 660 Lessig Ave., Akron – Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Sheetz "Kidz Meal Bags" April 2-16. Ask the employee at the register. One meal per child. Two Akron area locations - 20 W. Waterloo Rd. and 11651 E. Turkeyfoot Lake Rd.
- First Apostolic Faith Church, 790 East Ave., Akron – Mon., Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- The Peter Maurin Center of Akron, 1096 S. Main St., Akron – Tues. 12- 2 p.m., Fri. 1-3 p.m.
- Middlebury Chapel Food Pantry, 92 Arlington St., Akron – Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Feed My Sheep, 265 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron – Fri. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- St. Augustine School, 195 7th St. NW, Barberton, Mon. – Fri. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- OPEN-M Mountain of Food, 941 Princeton Ave., Akron – Fri., April 17, 9-11 a.m. Drive up or bring something to carry food - 80-100 pounds of per person. Summit County residents only.
- Main Street Preparatory Academy, 1035 Clay St., Akron – Mon.-Fri., 12-2 p.m.
- Middlebury Academy, 88 Kent St., Akron – Mon. only – 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Israelite Missionary Baptist Church, 1300 Atwood Ave., Akron) Lunch April 13-17, 9:30-11:30 a.m. FREE to Akron children 18 years of age and younger.
- Social 8 Restaurant and the Young Black Professionals' Coalition, lunches at Jennings CLC, Kenmore-Garfield HS, and Robinson CLC, Wed. April 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Litchfield CLC, East CLC, Helen Arnold CLC Thurs. April 16, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; and Buchtel CLC, Crouse CLC and Findley CLC Fri. April 17, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

APS "connectors" match students, families with services

APS "connectors" are families and students access resources such as housing, food assistance and more. These connectors are APS staff members, tutors, intervention specialists, educational assistants and family liaisons that know how to make referrals to outside agencies as well as APS counselors and case management staff. Call the Engagement Center at 330.761.2810 for more information.

United Way makes second round of emergency grants

The Akron Summit County COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund announced its second round of recipients: \$50,000 to Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank for food acquisition and distribution; \$45,000 for personal protective equipment (PPE) for medical personnel; \$40,000 to Summit County Continuum of Care toward a quarantine facility for the homeless; \$25,000 to Summit County Public Health and the Summit Emergency Management Agency for temporary housing for first responders and hospital workers; \$10,000 each to Catholic Charities and Salvation Army for utility assistance; \$5,000 to PCs for People Summit County to support the technology needs for Akron Public Schools students.

Minority Behavioral Health Group offering free tele-health prevention groups

Is offering Tele-Health prevention groups for emotional wellness, awareness and education, African-centered arts programming and other support. Sessions are between 30-60 minutes and are free. To register, contact Jennifer Jones, supervisor at 330.356.2739 or jjones@mbhg.org. For more information, visit <http://www.MGHG.org> or follow MBHG on Facebook at [Facebook.com/MBHGAkron](https://www.facebook.com/MBHGAkron).

District Updates

Online lessons/APS Connected Learning live/family resources available

Students should be logging on and accessing lessons through APS Connected Learning at akronschools.com. Our [family resource page](#) has important dates, messages from the district, access to learning tools and other information. Call the Engagement Center at 330.761.2810 if you have questions.

Student meal pick up for all children ages 1-18

Student meals are available at APS schools Mon.-Thurs. from 9:30-11:30 a.m. as most APS schools. **Meal distribution will be suspended April 13-17 for spring break. It will resume Monday, April 20.** The Akron Canton Regional Foodbank has an [interactive map](#) families may use to find food sources.

Attendance program with Browns aims to keep kids in school

APS and the Cleveland Browns are teaming up to keep kids in school. The Get 2 School network provides resources to tackle chronic absenteeism. [Learn more.](#)

APS is still hiring

We are continuing to hire for positions that are open and are important to the education of our students. For a list of open positions and to apply, visit <https://www.applitrack.com/akron/onlineapp/>.

Other Resources

Government resources

- [Summit County Public Health](#)
- [State of Ohio – Governor](#)
- [State of Ohio Department of Education](#)
- [Federal government](#)

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Health information and other resources

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Updates](#)
- [Ohio Department of Health Updates](#)
- [Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services: Managing Coronavirus-related Stress](#)
- [World Health Organization Updates](#)
- [Summit County ADM Board – Managing Stress and Anxiety Around Coronavirus](#)
- [How to talk to your kids about coronavirus](#)
- [ANIMATED VIDEO: What coronavirus does to the body](#)
- [NAMI Support Group for Families](#)
- [PBS learning resources](#)

Available Downloads

- [APS coronavirus and helpful hygiene tips poster](#)
 - [Arabic](#)
 - [Farsi](#)
 - [Karen](#)
 - [Mon](#)
 - [Nepali](#)
 - [Pashto](#)
 - [Spanish](#)
 - [Swahili](#)
- [Cover your Cough](#)
- [Wash your Hands](#)
- [Sick = Stay Home](#)
- [Bullying/harassment Complaint Form](#)