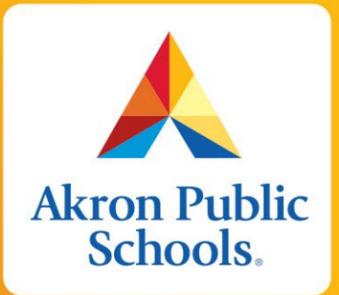




APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Wednesday, April 15, 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 30

We have one month of increased safety and security behind us, and my hope is we have learned that it would be wise for all of us to continue this pattern of behavior and not let down our guard. Governor Mike DeWine yesterday cautioned all of us to remain vigilant and be aware that even if we "reopen" Ohio and the U.S., we cannot and should not return to our old ways of socializing etc. Our concern as a school district is how we keep students, staff and families safe, at least until an effective vaccine is available. Even then, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases feels the handshake, as we know it, may be a thing of the past. Wash your hands. Stay well.

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.

Children Services - 24-Hour Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline open, PPE needed

If you believe a child is at risk of abuse, neglect or is dependent, call Summit County Children Services' 24-hour Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 330.434.KIDS (5437) to make a report. You may remain anonymous unless you are making the report in your official capacity as a mandated reporter. Call law enforcement if you have immediate safety concerns, SCCS is also seeking PPE masks for caseworkers who are providing essential services. Call 330.379.1994 to make donation arrangements.

Top infectious disease expert notes changes needed for return to work, school

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, said if our social distancing guidelines through the end of April are successful in halting the spread of the coronavirus, more relaxed recommendations could be in order. He said if things start to return to normal by fall, we will still need to wash hands frequently, sick children should be kept home and people with fevers shouldn't go to work. Dr. Fauci also cautioned Americans that shaking hands is a custom we're going to have to break.

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.

APS "connectors" match students, families with services

APS "connectors" are families and students access resources such as housing and food assistance, APS services and outside agencies. Call the Engagement Center at 330.761.2810 for more information.

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](#)