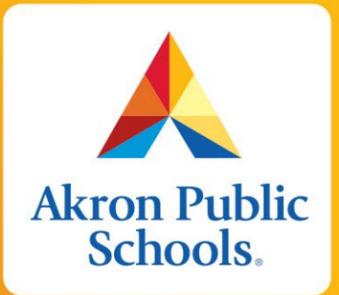




APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Friday, April 17, 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 32

Our students are returning to their online classes Monday as spring break, including two days of snow, comes to an end. That means our food distribution schedule will resume as is listed in this newsletter below. We are awaiting word, and we expect it to be coming within days, from Governor DeWine concerning whether schools are to reopen Monday, May 4. Our team at APS continues to meet to discuss this possibility; I will share with you that we are in agreement here that the detrimental aspects of doing that more than outweigh the benefits. Wash your hands. Stay well.

News of the Day

Online learning resumes next week – help is available to get students online

Spring break ends today, which means students will resume their online classes on Monday. The district is committed to helping all students get connected to the internet. Principals are assigning staff called “Connectors” who will call families to help explain the options. Families can also request assistance by completing [this form](#) or calling the Engagement Center at 330.761.2810. Additional information on getting connected is available by [clicking here](#).

Student meal pick up for all children ages 1-18 resumes April 20

Student meals are available at APS schools Mon.-Thurs. from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at most APS schools. We have also added a NEW site - Reach Opportunity center in Summit Lake (390 W. Crosier St.). No meals will be served at Ott, Essex, Stewart, Early College, NIHF STEM, STEM HS, I PROMISE or Miller South. These students may come to other neighborhood schools.

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost releases video to help keep kids safe

Increased time at home likely means increased screen time for children. However, your kids aren't the only ones online. Predators are active as well – and likely even more so than usual. Ohio's attorney general has released this [short video](#) to help you keep your kids safe.

It's not only about online learning

Our youngest students, those in our Early Learning Program (ELP), received a special delivery this week. The folks in our ELP put together 605 learning packets to be mailed out to ELP students and their families. The delivery included books, learning and developmental activities and kindergarten information.

Red Oak Behavioral Health offers same-day mental health services

Red Oak Behavioral Health, a nonprofit behavioral health agency in Akron, is offering same-day mental health services for children and adults. Call 330.996.4600 and ask to schedule a same-day appointment. You will be asked a series of questions and go through an intake process before being connected to the on-call therapist. Clients must have access to a smartphone or computer for full telehealth services, but audio-only [assessments](#) are available. Most insurance and Medicaid are accepted.

Curated Storefront seeking artists for MASK-R-AID

In response to the CDC's recommendation for people to wear masks in public and as COVID-19 continues to impact the arts ecosystem, Curated Storefront announced a call for artists to create functional masks to be put into production, sold online at www.CuratedStorefront.org and exhibited at a Curated Storefront site. Cash awards will be given to first through third place winners. MASK-R-AID submissions will be juried by Curated Storefront's Curatorial Committee. Free to apply. For information and to apply, visit <http://www.curatedstorefront.org/news>.

District Updates

Online lessons/APS Connected Learning live/family resources available

Students can access APS Connected Learning at akronschools.com. Our [family resource page](#) has important dates, messages, learning tools and more. Call 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

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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](#)

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](#)

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- [APS coronavirus and helpful hygiene tips poster](#)
 - [Arabic](#)
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 - [Karen](#)
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