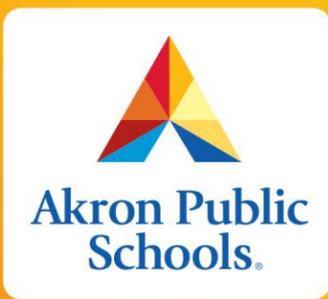




APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Wednesday, April 22, 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 37

One of the most interesting things we have faced with COVID-19 planning is that no matter how much we have accomplished or how well we have done to address issues, the list seems to keep growing. Right now, we are spending our time figuring out what is ahead for our seniors, how we will format our grading, what summer learning will look like, and yes, what we will do this fall if social distancing remains as it is. We are fortunate to live in a state that has given us firm guidance thus far. Our continuing gratitude goes to Gov. Mike DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton from the Ohio Department of Health. Wash your hands. Stay well.

News of the Day

APS Superintendent talks with WKSU about education during coronavirus

David James, Ed.D. spoke with reporter Sarah Taylor on April 21 about educating children during the COVID-19 pandemic, plans for the fall and other challenges facing the district. The Q&A provides significant insight into what the district is facing right now and answers common questions about the district's future plans.

SARAH TAYLOR: ...The district is trying to get students more involved, but it's also facing a number of other challenges from the coronavirus pandemic. James welcomed the decision this week from Governor Mike DeWine to keep schools closed for the remainder of the school year.

DAVID JAMES: I think the governor understood that there would be a lot of hardships of trying to reopen school now, particularly when some districts the end of their school year is May 14. For us in Akron, our last day for students is June 4. So, there will be a lot that we will have to do to get prepared to come back. So, I think our resources are better spent trying to figure out what we're going to do come fall, if we're going to still have social distancing requirements in place...

[Listen to the entire interview here.](#)

Online registration for new families/incoming kindergartners now open

Families who are new to APS (including incoming kindergartners) may register their student(s) online through our website akronschools.com. [Click here](#) for step-by-step instructions. Questions? Call the Engagement Center at 330.761.2810.

CDC offers guidance on wearing, using cloth masks

Before putting on a mask, clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water. Cover mouth and nose with mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask. Avoid touching the mask while using it; if you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water. To remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask.) For more information on using cloth masks, [click here](#).

Cleveland Clinic hosting free webinar for youth/teens on April 24

The Clinic's K-12 Education Internship Programs is hosting a free webinar Fri., April 24 from 4-4:30 p.m. for youth, teens and individuals who work with and/or serve youth. Stay Home and Stay SAFE – A COVID-19 Educational Webinar for Youth/Teens and Other Stakeholders will be led by Dr. Roopa Thakur, the medical director of youth strategies and medical director of school-based health clinics. DJ Ryan Wolf and others will also be featured. [Register here.](#)

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.

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. at most APS schools and [Reach Opportunity Center in Summit Lake](#) (390 W. Crosier St.). No meals at Ott, Essex, Stewart, Early College, NIHF STEM, STEM HS, I PROMISE or Miller South.

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](#)
 - [Farsi](#)
 - [Karen](#)
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 - [Nepali](#)
 - [Pashto](#)
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