



APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



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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 38

Today, I had a chance to chat with Bill Daggett, founder of the International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE). We have consulted with ICLE before, but today was quite a bit different. We weren't talking about teaching and learning the way we did several months ago. COVID-19 has changed the conversation dramatically to now include changes that would truly revolutionize the way public education in America is formulated. I've always said, "Never pass up the opportunity to learn from a crisis." This is a huge challenge. But we are going to seize this moment and truly make the most of the opportunity it presents for us to make needed change. Wash your hands. Stay well.

News of the Day

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.

Stan Hywet to open grounds to public starting April 24

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens will open its grounds to the public Friday, April 24 to help residents get outside during the coronavirus pandemic. The home and buildings will remain closed. Staff will monitor the number of visitors to ensure people can maintain a safe distance. From 8:30-10 a.m. the grounds are reserved for senior citizens. The grounds are open to the public Wed.-Sun. from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Entry is FREE, but donations will be accepted. There will be no restroom facilities available.

Ramadan begins this evening. Ramadan is the holiest month of the Islamic calendar and is celebrated by Muslims around the world. During Ramadan, Muslims fast every day from dawn to sunset and use this time to focus on their connection to God, reflect on their lives and spend time with family and friends. Here are two resources for working with students who may be fasting:

- [Ramadan Considerations for Teachers During Distance Learning](#)
- [Ramadan and Distance Learning: Insight from Two Muslim Parents](#)

Boys & Girls Clubs providing grab-and-go meals

Grab-and-go meals are now available at the Steve Wise Boys & Girls Clubs location at 889 Jonathan Ave., Akron. Meals will be distributed for children up to age 18 via drive-thru or walk up Mon.-Fri. from 12-1 p.m. Each child will receive two shelf-stable meals per day. On Fridays, children will receive four meals for the weekend. Questions? Call 330.773.3375.

Calm.com offers free resources to help during pandemic

Calm.com, a popular app for meditation, sleep and relaxation practice, is providing a number of free resources. From meditation to music and stretching practices, Calm.com is trying to help people take care of themselves and others. [Click here](#) for access to these free resources.

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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Available Downloads

- [APS coronavirus and helpful hygiene tips poster](#)
 - [Arabic](#)
 - [Farsi](#)
 - [Karen](#)
 - [Mon](#)
 - [Nepali](#)
 - [Pashto](#)
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 - [Swahili](#)
- [Cover your Cough](#)
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