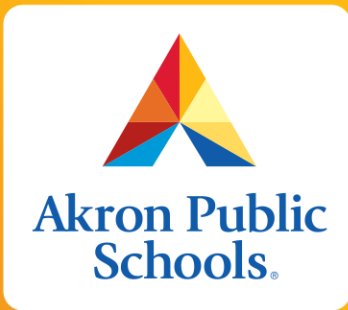




APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



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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 39

When we hear people say, "We're in this together," it gives us some reassurance that a team approach with great minds and many bright folks will get this situation under control. Educators from all over Ohio connect daily with one another to exchange ideas. While we await further gubernatorial guidance on graduation plans, some smaller districts are formulating plans for virtual graduation and event ceremonies. Others may cancel. Many are asking how we are handling these events. For now, we will see what is brought forth next week in the way of direction from Governor DeWine. Until then, 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.

APS music therapist, Historical Society develop "Artifacts with Edie"

Edie Steiner, an APS music therapist, volunteer and shepherdess with the Summit County Historical Society is using her creativity and innovation to reach students learning from home. "Artifacts with Edie" brings historical information to life from the grounds of the Historical Society, incorporating games and lessons. The program airs Mon.-Fri. at 11:30 a.m. on the [Historical Society Facebook page](#).

UA launches free homework hotline starting April 29

The College of Education at The University of Akron is launching a free K-12 homework hotline for Summit County youth and families. This tutoring program gives students additional homework help from trained education majors in math, science, social studies, and language arts. Tutoring takes place via phone or video call. Help is available Mon.-Fri. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. until the end the school year. Sign up here. Questions? Contact Cheyenne at cko2@zips.uakron.edu or Matt at mrd103@zips.uakron.edu.

Social, emotional activities you can do at home

We're spending much more time at home these days due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. But there are some ways we can help maintain positive social and emotional health each day. From writing a gratitude list to sending notes to friends, remembering the good things help us deal with things that are difficult to handle. [Click here](#) for a month of learning activities you can do at home to help you and your family with their social, emotional health. [Click here](#) for a coping calendar to help keep calm, stay wise and be kind.

Need other resources?

United Way's 2-1-1 helpline is available to assist with resources you may need at this time. From housing to food assistance, and more, 2-1-1 will help connect you with the services you need.

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. Meals are also being distributed at the Steve Wise Boys & Girls Club location at 889 Jonathan Ave., Akron, Mon.-Fri. from 12-1 p.m.

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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