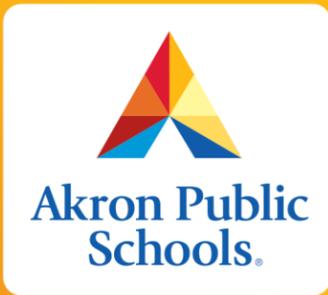




APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Tuesday, April 28, 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 43

I see mixed reviews of the governor's announcement yesterday about a gradual "reopening" of Ohio. Those whose businesses have not yet been named to resume have expressed concern over the length of time they have been without work. For APS employees and everyone who has been patient through this process, more patience will be required, and ongoing safety measures followed as plans continue to reveal themselves over time. But we are offering an evening diversion – "Storytime with APS." That's right. Our teachers, administrators, staff and community members began "Storytime" last night. Join us each weeknight at 7 p.m. (<https://tinyurl.com/APSReads>) to hear cute, fun stories read to your children. Will your student's teachers be one of the featured readers? Find out tonight!

News of the Day

CDC revises COVID-19 symptom list

The Centers for Disease Control revised its list of symptoms on April 28. Nearly every day, doctors and researchers are learning more about the virus and the CDC continues to regularly update its information. [Click here](#) for a list of revised symptoms.

Governor reverses stance on mandatory face covering in public

After issuing a mandate to wear face covering in public places on Monday, Governor DeWine reversed his stance today, noting concerns from the public. He is still strongly recommending that individuals wear face coverings in public places and noted it is still considered a best practice. Businesses are still allowed to insist that customers wear them.

Registration for 2020-21 now online for new families/incoming kindergartners

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.

UA free homework hotline starts 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.

Self-care for parents is important during pandemic

Riverdale Trauma Center, a nonprofit organization that helps people through trauma and stressful situations, and Mindwise.org have prepared a series of series of guides to help parents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some tips include: be kind to yourself, find ways to cope that work for you and set goals. [Download the self-care guide.](#)

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. Nearly 250,000 students have been fed through the meal program at APS schools.

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](#)
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 - [Pashto](#)
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