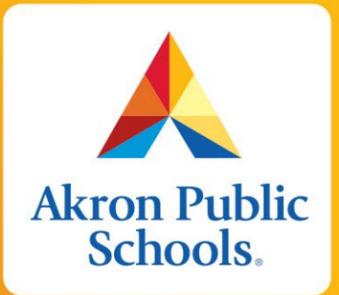




APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Tuesday, April 7, 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 23

As we settle into a new normal for the foreseeable future, APS teachers have been enjoying "coloring outside the lines" a bit with our Connected Learning platform (our online classroom). We have a student toolkit online and a faculty toolkit. We have a help desk and more, including an entire section devoted to family resources - [APS Family Resources](#). And, everything is translated into eight languages. Attendance is mandatory, even though you're working from home. Our partners with the Cleveland Browns are helping reinforce that message with Get 2 School/Stay in the Game. More on that, in your Daily Update. Wash your hands. Stay well.

News of the Day

Meal site options for spring break week

APS is suspending meal distribution during spring break. Here is a list of alternate meal options.

- Akros Middle School/The Edge Academy, 265 Park St., Akron – Mon.-Fri., 9-11 a.m. This is a drive through program.
- Spring Hill Elementary School, 660 Lessig Ave., Akron – Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Sheetz is offering "Kidz Meal Bags" April 2-16. Ask the employee at the register. One meal per child. Two Akron area locations - 20 W. Waterloo Rd. and 11651 E. Turkeyfoot Lake Rd.
- First Apostolic Faith Church, 790 East Ave., Akron – Mon., Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- The Peter Maurin Center of Akron, 1096 S. Main St., Akron – Tues. 12- 2 p.m., Fri. 1-3 p.m.
- Middlebury Chapel Food Pantry, 92 Arlington St., Akron – Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Feed My Sheep, 265 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron – Fri. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- St. Augustine School, 195 7th St NW, Barberton, Mon. – Fri. 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- OPEN-M Mountain of Food, 941 Princeton Ave., Akron – Fri., April 17, 9-11 a.m. Drive up or bring something to carry food - 80-100 pounds of per person. Limited to Summit County residents only.
- Main Street Preparatory Academy, 1035 Clay St., Akron – Mon.-Fri, 12-2 pm
- Middlebury Academy, 88 Kent St., Akron – Mon. only – 9 am-2 pm

Online lessons/APS Connected Learning now live

Students should have received instructions from their teachers to access lessons. Visit the APS Connected Learning tab at akronschools.com to learn more about the process, set up and resources for online learning. If you have questions or need help, call the APS Engagement Center at 330.761.2810.

APS Connected Learning family resources available

APS is offering a wide variety of resources to help families be successful with APS Connected Learning. Visit our [family resource page](#) for important dates, messages from the district, access to learning tools and other information for you and your student.

Attendance program with Browns aims to keep kids in school

APS and the Cleveland Browns are teaming up to keep kids in school. While working in a remote learning environment, going to class and completing assignments is more important than ever. Student success starts with school attendance. Students who are absent from school (even remotely) miss important learning opportunities. The Get 2 School network connects students, parents and teachers to resources to tackle chronic absenteeism. [Learn more.](#)

Project Rise helps families experiencing homelessness

Project Rise helps students experiencing homelessness stay in school and on track – even in a virtual learning environment. The program is a collaboration of APS, local shelters and the community that empowers students and families to improve the quality of their lives through educational, cultural and community support services and resources. Project Rise team members are currently available to assist APS students and families [Learn more.](#)

District Updates

Student meal pick up for all children ages 1-18

Student meals (breakfast and lunch) are available at all APS neighborhood schools from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday. 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. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Meal distribution will be suspended April 13-17 for spring break. It will resume Monday, April 20.** The Akron Canton Regional Foodbank has an [interactive map](#) that families may use to find sources of food in their neighborhood.

Report cyberbullying

If you or your child believe he or she is being bullied online, please complete and submit the [Bullying/harassment Complaint Form](#).

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](#)
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 - [Karen](#)
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