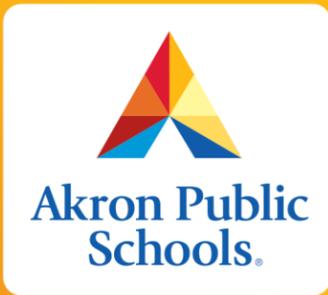




# APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Thursday, June 4, 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 78*

It was the middle of March when we began formulating and implementing plans for our 21,000 students to continue learning from home, become connected to the internet and continue to receive two meals every weekday from Akron Public Schools. Our meal program, as you likely know by now, will continue this summer at least until the end of July. We have already served about half a million meals and will likely add a couple hundred thousand more to that total this summer. Even though we believe being in a school building to learn academics *and* social skills that prepare our children for life after high school is best, I believe educators across Ohio and America have done a remarkable job of keeping kids connected to the learning process. Stay safe. Be well.

## News of the Day

### Merkle's Mental Health Moment: Remembering to show your appreciation

*Dr. Erich Merkle, Pupil Adjustment Program, Office of Special Education, Akron Public Schools*

After one of the most unprecedented educational spring semesters in our history with so many challenges, congratulations for successfully reaching the final day of school! During a pandemic — or any time, for that matter — it can be easy to forget all of life's blessings and show your appreciation for what you do have. [As summer arrives, Essence magazine reminds us that, "a life well lived is one of gratitude and thankfulness."](#) Best wishes for a peaceful, restorative and healthy summer break, as we all share our gratitude and appreciation for each of you.

### Teacher of the Year Finalists – secondary schools

This week, we have been recognizing the teacher of the year finalists. Today's list includes two of our secondary school winners. We will list all finalists tomorrow. The winner of the APS Teacher of the Year Award will be announced on a streaming event on Friday, June 5. ([Click here](#) for live stream and event information). All finalists will be recognized tomorrow. Congratulations to today's finalists.

- Sheneeka C. Rodgers, NIHF-SSTEM Middle School, guidance counselor
- Dana Starvaggi, North High School, science teacher

### Applications open for Kent State College of Public Health Virtual Summer Academy

APS Students in grades 10-12 are invited to apply to a free, three-week experience for students interested in learning about a career in public health. The program, funded by Akron Community Foundation, will run August 3-20, Monday-Thursday from 1-3:30 p.m. Topics include "What is public health?" "COVID-19 current issues" and "What would a career in public health look like." [Click here](#) to register.

### Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio accepting site applications for Fall 2020 programs

Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio, an organization that empowers girls in third through eighth grades to make healthy decisions, build positive relationships and cope with difficult feelings and situations, is seeking applicants interested in bringing the program to their community in fall 2020. Each 10-week program emphasizes competence, confidence, connection, character, caring and contribution in young girls through lessons that incorporate physical activity and goal setting. Programs for grades three through five and grades six through eight can be brought to any community in [the organization's six northeast Ohio counties](#) simply by completing an [online application](#). Girls on the Run NEO provides volunteer training, program materials and necessary resources to seamlessly deliver a quality, confidence-building experience. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer coach, please visit [gotrNEO.org](#) or call 234.206.0786.

## District Updates

### Student meal pick up for all children ages 1-18

Most APS schools and Reach Opportunity Center Mon.-Thurs. from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Steve Wise Boys & Girls Club location at 889 Jonathan Ave., Akron, Mon.-Fri. from 12-1 p.m.

### Online registration for 2020-21 is open 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.

## 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](#)
  - [Spanish](#)
  - [Swahili](#)
- [Cover your Cough](#)
- [Wash your Hands](#)
- [Sick = Stay Home](#)
- [Bullying/harassment Complaint Form](#)