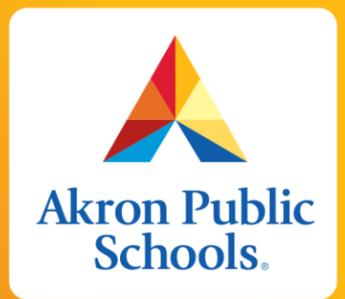




APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Monday, May 18, 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 62

The business of education continues in school districts across America even though it's not business as usual anywhere right now. What you see in a school district today may have been on a drawing board a year or two ago. So today, we find ourselves preparing our twice-yearly, five-year economic forecast for the Akron School Board. What our CFO Ryan Pendleton will report is the district will receive \$10 million in stimulus funding in fiscal year 2020, but that will be offset by the \$3.5 million in budget cuts issued by the State of Ohio. We are almost certain there will be additional state and federal budget cuts in the 2020/2021 school year. Keep washing your hands.

News of the Day

Merkle's Mental Health Moment: Losing rites of passage in proms and graduation

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

Late spring brings our high school students two of our most cherished rites of passage, spring formals or proms and graduation. With this year's limitations in group gatherings due to COVID-19, all these iconic events have been cancelled nationwide. As parents, here are a few different resources to help our teens both grieve and navigate the absence of these experiences:

- [How to Help Teens Handle Loss of Proms and Graduation](#)
- [With Senior Year in Disarray, Teens Feel Lost](#)
- [Helping Your Kids Handle Disappointment](#)

APS Virtual Storytime

Akron Public Schools invites all second-graders to read along with Superintendent David James, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer Ellen McWilliams-Woods, Ph.D., and Director of Elementary Education Mary Outley-Kelly as they each read a book about the Hog Mollies from the 2nd and Seven Foundation. [Visit our YouTube channel](#) to find these videos and more.

City of Akron announces recreation and parks updates

- **Youth sports** covered under Governor DeWine's Responsible Restart Ohio plan will restart June 15 to give the city time to prepare fields and provide organizers with updated safety instructions.
- **Pools and splash pads** are scheduled to open on July 1, with additional safety restrictions, at Reservoir Park in Goodyear Heights and Perkins Park in West Akron. Balch Street pool will remain closed. The Joy Park splash pad and Patterson Park splash pads will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Summer Camps** will start June 15. More information will be available soon.
- **Community Centers** will remain closed to the public until further notice.
- **City Parks** remain open for outdoor recreation, like walking or jogging, but playgrounds and basketball courts remain closed until further notice.
- **Food distribution** will continue to take place over the summer at various locations including community center parking lots throughout the city and most APS schools. Additional Akron Public Summer Food sites are available [here](#).

District Updates

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.

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

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.

UA free homework hotline

Free online homework help for K-12 students is available Mon.-Fri. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. [Sign up here](#).

APS Story Sharing at 3

APS librarians are sharing stories for students of all ages every day at 3 p.m. Story Sharing at 3 is live every day and is recorded for viewing later. [Click here](#) to learn more and view past story recordings.

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](#)