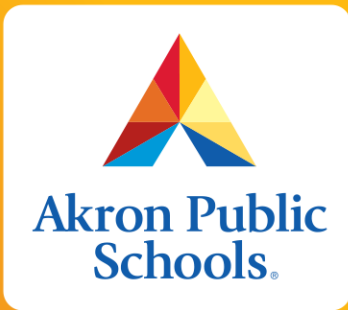




# APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Thursday, May 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 52

As Ohio is reopening, gradually, for business and commerce, we know the issues facing public education will persist for quite some time. The announced education-related budget cuts of nearly \$800 million include a \$3.5 million immediate revenue reduction for Akron Public Schools; more cuts are likely. Due to an immense drop off in the tax sources of education funding, we must take the fiscally responsible approach we have had and amplify it. We have been studying how to proceed and how to approach the coming weeks, and the coming school year. It's much too soon to know what this will all look like then but, we are working with the state on plans that have to be flexible amidst a fluid situation. Wash your hands. Stay well.

## News of the Day

### Merkle's Mental Health Moment: Being mindful about mindfulness

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

Each year, May 7 recognizes the developmental importance of children's social and emotional wellbeing by celebrating Children's Mental Health Day. Over one in five children are affected by significant mental illness, across all racial, cultural and socioeconomic groups. Today is an opportunity to stamp out negative stigma about mental illness and ensure all our children access comprehensive social-emotional supports that promote their emotional wellness. Learn more about what you can do through [SAMSHA](#) and these additional resources.

- [NAMI's National Mental Health Month Awareness](#)
- [2020 USDA Mental Health Matters](#)
- [Children's Mental Health Matters](#)
- [Celebrating Children's Mental Health](#)

### Virtual Storytime Promotes Literacy

Our nightly story times for students are continuing each night. Kids and families alike are enjoying the virtual time with teachers, principals and others. We are fortunate to have many organizations like the 2nd and Seven Foundation that are supporting our families and students while at home. They are making a difference by promoting literacy and providing positive messages. APS 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 next week. [Visit our YouTube channel](#) to find these new videos.

### Teacher appreciation week – 12 inspiring quotes

In honor of teacher appreciation week, TeacherVision selected 12 inspiring quotes that "capture the spirit" of teachers. 1. "Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." – John C. Maxwell. [Click here for the remaining 11 quotes.](#)

### Junior Achievement resources for educators and parents

Here are some additional tools from our friends at [JA Northcentral Ohio](#). Today's resource is a series of videos showcasing volunteers talking about their own careers. [Access videos here](#). The videos are sorted into 16 career clusters and an assignment worksheet is also provided to accompany the videos.

## 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](#)
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