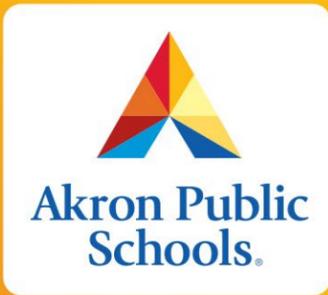




# APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



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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 35

Governor Mike DeWine announced today that schools in Ohio will remain closed for the remainder of the school year. We now focus on the last month and a half of online classes and continue working on plans for summer and next fall. Much will depend upon things still out of our control, as you know. Also, today, Akron Public Schools begins registration for the 2020-21 school year. Go to our website [akronschools.com](http://akronschools.com) for more information and to sign up. This is especially important for our incoming kindergartners whose families never got to enroll because our open house and registration fell on March 19, right as schools were shutting down due to COVID-19. Hundreds of families have been inquiring about when this would happen. It begins today. Wash your hands. Stay well.

## News of the Day

### Online registration for 2020-21 school year starts TODAY!

Families who are new to APS (including incoming kindergartners) may register their student(s) online through our website [akronschools.com](http://akronschools.com). [Click here](#) for step-by-step instructions. Questions? Call the Engagement Center at 330.761.2810.

### Online learning resumes TODAY! Help is available to get students online

Students and teachers are "back in class" today and the district is committed to helping all students get connected to the internet for their lessons. Staff "connectors" will be calling families to help explain the options. Families can also request assistance by completing [this form](#) or calling the Engagement Center at 330.761.2810. Additional information on getting connected is available by [clicking here](#).

### 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. We have also added a **NEW site - Reach Opportunity center in Summit Lake** (390 W. Crosier St.). 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.

### Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost releases video to help keep kids safe

Increased time at home likely means increased screen time for children. However, your kids aren't the only ones online. Predators are active as well – and likely even more so than usual. Ohio's attorney general has released this [short video](#) to help you keep your kids safe.

### When your kids need help – talk to them

The American Psychological Association has provided tips on talking to your kids when they need help. Open lines of communication are especially helpful in times like we are experiencing now. [Learn more](#) about these helpful tips from the APA.

### Red Oak Behavioral Health offers same-day mental health services

Red Oak Behavioral Health, a nonprofit behavioral health agency in Akron, is offering same-day mental health services for children and adults. Call 330.996.4600 and ask to schedule a same-day appointment. You will be asked a series of questions and go through an intake process before being connected to the on-call therapist. Clients must have access to a smartphone or computer for full telehealth services, but audio-only [assessments](#) are available. Most insurance and Medicaid are accepted.

## District Updates

### Online lessons/APS Connected Learning live/family resources available

Students can access APS Connected Learning at [akronschools.com](http://akronschools.com). Our [family resource page](#) has important dates, messages, learning tools and more. Call 330.761.2810 if you have questions.

### APS "connectors" match students, families with services

APS "connectors" are families and students access resources such as housing and food assistance, APS services and outside agencies. Call the Engagement Center at 330.761.2810 for more information.

### 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](#)
  - [Farsi](#)
  - [Karen](#)
  - [Mon](#)
  - [Nepali](#)
  - [Pashto](#)
  - [Spanish](#)
  - [Swahili](#)
- [Cover your Cough](#)
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