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WEEKLY UPDATE

Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022

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Merkle's Mental Health Moment – Five mental health tips for 2022

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

Now that 2022 has officially started, many of us are questioning what the new year will bring. Our mental health is being tested once again as we struggle with uncertainty about the pandemic, life disruptions and our health and safety. [Yahoo News offers us these five mental health tips](#) after another year of reporting on our collective mental well-being. Learning to prioritize and manage your mental health helps to recognize the trauma is real and being anxious makes sense. In spite of it all, we can live and prosper.

Attend APS and Akron Children's Hospital's upcoming vaccination clinic

APS and the Akron Children's Hospital Roll Up a Sleeve vaccination campaign is hosting another vaccination clinic on Jan. 14 from 3-7 p.m. at North High School. The clinic is for students and staff who attended one of the APS clinics on Dec. 11, 16 or 18 and need their second vaccination and for APS students and staff who want a booster vaccination. First vaccinations will not be provided. [Learn more](#) about age requirements, eligibility for booster vaccinations and other information.

COVID-19 updates, testing and more

- The COVID-19 variant omicron currently makes up 74% of all COVID-19 cases in Ohio and [98.3% of COVID-19 cases nationally](#). Health leaders are predicting Ohio to peak in cases at the end of January. [Learn more](#) about the transmissibility of the variant and other information.
- Starting this Saturday, a new Biden administration policy will waive fees for at-home COVID-19 tests for individuals with health insurance. Health insurance companies will be required to cover the cost or provide reimbursements for up to eight at-home COVID-19 tests per month for each individual on the plan. [Learn more](#).
- The White House administration is releasing five million rapid tests and five million PCR tests to schools this month to [aid supply shortages](#). The government is releasing 10 million testing kits per month. Unfortunately, this will only cover a small portion of the 48 million students in the U.S. public school system. APS plans to place orders for testing kits when more information is made available to help supply APS school clinics and continue to keep students and staff safe.

Goodyear and The University of Akron scholarship opportunity for students

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and The University of Akron are offering a new scholarship to increase job-readiness for underserved students. The program is offering five scholarships in 2022 that cover tuition and fees and include a mentoring program for up to five years and opportunities to interview for an internship or co-op. Deadline to apply is April 1. [Learn more](#) about eligibility and requirements.

APS *plus* After-Hours Support for students and families

APS *plus* After-Hours Support assists students and families with K-12 tutoring and academic support, family support services, social-emotional urgent support, technology and Google Classroom troubleshooting. **This service will reopen Jan. 18.** For more information, visit akronschools.com/apsplus.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

All the resources below have clickable links for your convenience.

General resources

- [Akron Summit County Library](#)
- [APS Covid-19 Dashboard](#)
- [APS District Website](#)
- [APS Family Resources](#)
- [Get 2 School/Stay in the Game](#)
- [Ohio Department of Education \(ODE\)](#)
- [Summit County Public Health](#)
- [United Way 2-1-1 Resource Referral](#)

Forms and downloads

- [Help Desk Form](#)

Educational and mental health resources

- [5 Things Parents Can Do to Support Learning at Home](#)
- [9 Tips for Parents Navigating Online Learning](#)
- [22 Remote Learning Tips for Parents](#)
- [CDC: Help Children Learn at Home](#)
- [Online Learning Tips for Families](#)

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