



ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Michael H. Darga
Superintendent of Schools

October 29, 2020

RE: APPS STUDENTS RETURN TO REMOTE LEARNING – EFFECTIVE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Dear AP School Community,

As you know, the district set a threshold health related metric that dictates whether school will be in-person or full remote. The metric is based on a 14-day rolling average of the positivity rate, using data from the [COVID Act Now website](#). This information was shared at the September 17th Board of Education meeting as part of the district's Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. The monitoring of health protocols and same metric led us to the district's decision for a safe return to in-person instruction in waves, which was presented to the Board of Education on September 30, 2020.


Administration has been closely tracking the data and today, our 14-day rolling average number has hit 5.0% or higher for two consecutive days. As we continue to follow the district's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, we must regrettably share that effective Monday, November 2, 2020 all students attending Allen Park Public Schools will return to remote learning, for at least 14 days and until further notice.

- Effective Monday, November 2, 2020 – all students attending APPS will return to remote learning.
- In-person instruction will be held in all buildings for a half day on Friday, October 30, 2020. Students will be reminded to take chromebooks and any necessary instructional materials home with them on Friday.
- APMS athletics and APHS athletics/co-curricular activities will continue 'as planned,' adhering to the guidelines set forth by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.
- APMS and APHS clubs will continue to meet virtually. APHS testing sessions will continue as planned.
- The AP Food Service Department will provide curbside meal pick-up per the schedule on the next page.
- The AP Preschool Program and Latchkey Program will be closed for the duration of remote learning.

We will continue to monitor the positivity rate in Wayne County, tracking the [COVID Act Now website](#) for a safe return to in-person instruction. I pledge to work closely with the Board of Education, the district's Hybrid Committee and all district staff to explore alternative solutions.

It is difficult to deliver news that is so disappointing to our school community. We are so grateful for the strong partnership between school and home that is a hallmark of the Allen Park school community. We will take all necessary steps to ensure teachers can teach dynamically and effectively as we resume remote learning. Again, we are in this together, please remember to wear a mask, wash your hands frequently and practice social distancing. We recognize our staff and families have questions, please know we will continue to communicate additional information as we move forward. Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,


Michael H. Darga
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APPS RESOURCES

Remote Learning Schedules

Please see the attached remote learning schedules for Elementary (Arno, Bennie & Lindemann), APMS, APHS, and APCS. Schedules can also be found on the district website.

Technology Assistance for Families

<https://www.allenparkschools.com/technology/>

Parents and students may request tech assistance by visiting the above site.

- Please provide the Technology Department with the barcode identification number on your school issued device when submitting the request.
- For issues related to logging into an account, please provide the Technology Department with your child's student user ID number when submitting the request.

Parent Connect Assistance

parentconnect@appublicschools.com

Please send your help request to the above email address.

Student Connect Assistance

studentconnect@appublicschools.com

Please send your help request to the above email address.

Technology Assistance for Staff

<https://www.allenparkschools.com/technology/>

Please see "Staff Resources" by clicking on the above site.

Food Services

Curbside meal pick-up schedule for all interested APPS families:

- When: Mondays and Wednesdays
- Time: 10:30 until 12:30 p.m.
- Where: Allen Park High School / Parking lot behind building

Picking Up Elementary Instructional Materials

Please monitor district email for material distribution schedules. Dates will be shared well in advance so parents can plan accordingly.

APMS Athletics & APHS Athletics, Co-Curricular Activities & Clubs

- Athletics and co-curricular activities will continue to follow MHSAA guidelines for safety procedures, including the continuation of spectator limitations. Strict district protocols will continue with temperature checks and daily required health screening surveys.
- APHS and APMS facilities will be available beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- No transportation will be provided for away games/contests.
- APPS has waived any pay to play fees for the 2020-21 school year.
- Coaches will notify student-athletes/families of practice and game schedules.
- APHS and APMS Clubs will continue to meet virtually.

Monitoring Data for Return to In-Person Instruction

The district will continue to monitor COVID Act Now data/positivity rate for a safe return to in-person, as used to make the determination to resume remote learning. The district will also work with the Hybrid Committee for alternate solutions.

Explanatory Video Clip - <https://youtu.be/pQbgVX90sig>

COVID Act Now - https://covidactnow.org/us/mi/county/wayne_county?s=1211297

District/School Offices – Open on Tuesdays & Thursdays for in-person assistance from 7:30-4:00 p.m. Administration/office staff will monitor phone calls/emails Monday thru Fridays. Work Permits available at APHS on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

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