



Akron Central School District

In Pursuit of Excellence

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Akron Central Schools Summer Program Families, Students and Staff:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the changes that the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) issued to school districts operating summer learning programs. Specifically, NYSDOH has said that schools may implement masking policies consistent with those issued for the operation of summer youth camps and child care agencies.

According to NYSDOH, "Given current low rates of COVID-19 transmission, school districts may decide to implement revised masking policies consistent with those available in the archived INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR CHILD CARE, DAY CAMP, AND OVERNIGHT CAMP PROGRAMS DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (available [here](#)).

The Akron Central School District will adopt the following practices effective immediately:

- Student mask wearing is strongly encouraged, but not required.
- Unvaccinated staff must continue to wear masks while indoors.
- We will maximize physical distance (6 feet) between students based on the number of students in class and the size of the instructional space.
- We strongly encourage families to keep children at home if they are not feeling well.
- Thorough cleaning of all occupied spaces will be completed daily.

It is important to note that this revised guidance applies to the 2021 summer programming only. Information on the 2021-2022 school year is not known at this time. If the NYSDOH issues guidance to replace existing requirements for the regular school year, we will assess its impact on how we intend to operate and provide updates as quickly as possible.

We are looking forward to working with your children this summer and having a very successful summer program.

Sincerely,
Patrick D. McCabe
Superintendent of Schools