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COVID-19 Testing Process for Students



The Auburn Enlarged City School District and East Hill Family Medical have been working together to find a way to provide COVID-19 testing for Auburn students. We are pleased to announce that we have developed a process, outlined below, that will provide students with prompt testing upon showing symptoms of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Testing Process

- Students that exhibit any symptom of COVID-19 will be isolated in their school building.
- Parent/guardian will be notified to come and pick up their student.
- If necessary, parent/guardian will fill out a consent form for COVID-19 testing.
- Consent form will be faxed to East Hill Medical, and an East Hill staff member will reach out to the family to set up a video examination and an appointment for the student to go in for a COVID-19 test.
 - The test that will be performed is the Nares test, which is less invasive than the nasal pharyngeal test. The Nares test involves a swab very low in the nostril and swirled around for 15 seconds, and then repeated in the other nostril. It is so easy that students can perform the test themselves.
- The specimen will be sent to the lab for testing, and the results should return within 24-48 hours.
- Once results are received, an East Hill staff member will set up another video exam with the student and parent/guardian to review the results, ensure the student is free from COVID-19 symptoms, and provide a note for the student to be able to return to school in person.

The total turnaround time of the testing process is expected to be about three days. For example, if a student displays a symptom on Monday and is tested the same day, results should be returned by Wednesday. East Hill would then do a video exam on Thursday, and as long as the student is symptom-free, he/she would be able to return to school the following day according to the student's in-person schedule. In addition, East Hill is trying to provide the 15-minute rapid COVID-19 test for students, which could reduce the overall turnaround time even more.

There will be no out-of-pocket costs associated with this service. The testing consent form that a parent/guardian signs will have a clause that allows East Hill Family Medical permission to submit the procedure through the family's insurance. If the family's insurance does not cover the cost, East Hill will NOT charge the family for any out-of-pocket costs. If a family does not have insurance, East Hill will provide the test free of charge, as well as help the family enroll in an insurance plan. We understand that the idea of subjecting students to COVID-19 testing is not ideal, so we are trying to make the process as smooth and easy as possible. The district hopes to work out a similar process for its staff members as well.

If you have any questions about the COVID-19 testing process, please contact Caren Radell, Nurse Supervisor, at (315) 255-8829 or CarenRadell@aecsd.education.





Caption: First grader Lilly got her “first day of school” photo taken with Genesee’s mascot Pride.



Pride visits first grade student King with his mother, grandmother and great-grandmother on the first day of school.

report bullying or cyberbullying

help your friends

be assertive

report depression

SEE SOMETHING DO SOMETHING

Submit your reports anonymously

report threats against schools

report drug or alcohol use

report strange behavior

Anonymous Alerts!

The school district is pleased to continue our partnership with Anonymous Alerts®, the anti-bullying and safety reporting app and system. This safety communications tool is a way for our students to quickly communicate anonymously with school officials and engage in anonymous 2-way communications to share more information about incidents. Types of concerns that may be reported include, but are not limited to, bullying, harassment, drug-related issues, fighting, weapons, threats, and more. The goal of this reporting system is to help maintain a safe school climate while giving students ample opportunity to securely communicate with school administrators without fear of retribution by their peers. The system will be monitored during school days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

To send a report online:

www.anonymousalerts.com/auburnecsd

- Download the Anonymous Alerts® app
- Start the app, enter Activation Code: **auburnecsd**
- Send important reports to school officials
- Add a screenshot, photo or video about the incident

REQUEST TO USE, PASSIVE CONSENT, AND AGREEMENT REGARDING USE OF **TELEHEALTH**



During the 2020-2021 school year, the Auburn Enlarged City School District (the “District”) will utilize Telehealth to provide services to your child. Telehealth is defined as any service that is provided remotely that would typically be delivered in person (i.e. academic advising, career planning, individual counseling, small group sessions, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, evaluations, etc.). Telehealth can be used only if you execute this Passive Consent and Agreement outlined below permitting us to provide services to your child in emergency and non-emergency situations.

I Understand the Following Regarding My Use of Telehealth with the District:

1. I understand and agree that Telehealth, if needed, includes the provision of counseling and other therapeutic services via telephone or interactive audio, video, data communications or email, including, but not limited to, the use of platforms such as Zoom or Google Meets.
2. I understand and agree that Telehealth sessions with my child are to be private and confidential, and that it is my obligation to ensure that there are no third parties present or able to view/listen to my child and the service provider during a Telehealth session, with the exception of a parent/guardian. The service provider must be informed at the outset of the meeting if any person other than the student is present.
3. I understand that District employees will work in confidential workspaces and will have the video feature turned on during the entire session when using a video-based platform.
4. I understand and agree that the video feature of my computer/device will remain on during any video-based Telehealth session with my child and that he/she will use headphones with a microphone during the session, if available.
5. I agree that neither my child nor I will record any Telehealth session.
6. I understand it is my right to revoke this Passive Consent in writing at any time and at my sole discretion.
7. I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to provide written notice to the District if I wish to withdraw this Passive Consent.
8. I understand the District will select the platform to be used for Telehealth sessions.
9. I understand that District employees will not record a Telehealth session unless I have been provided advance notice of the need to record a session and have consented to the recording.
10. I understand that the District will make every effort to create a confidential environment when using Telehealth. Despite these efforts, I understand that Telehealth poses privacy risks. These may include but are not limited to the possibility that the transmission of confidential information could be disrupted/distorted by technical failures, or intercepted/interrupted by unauthorized persons.

I Consent to the Following Regarding Use of Telehealth:

Having considered the statements above, I authorize the District to utilize Telehealth through its selected platform and consent to the use of Telehealth by the District to provide advising, counseling and other therapeutic services to my child in emergency and non-emergency situations.

Revocation of Consent:

I understand that if I wish to revoke my consent at any time that I shall contact Camille Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, in writing at camillejohnson@aecsd.education. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Mrs. Johnson at (315) 255-8801.

New Social-Emotional Learning Virtual Interactive Office



Check out our new Elementary Social-Emotional Learning Virtual Office offering interactive links specific to social-emotional skills, videos, online books, games, activities, and resources! A link to the SEL office is located on the homepage of each of our elementary schools, as well as in all of our elementary grade level Google Classrooms. Here is the link to Herman Ave to take a peek: <http://www.aecsd.education/herman>



Can my child go to school today?



- In the past 10 days, has your child been tested for the virus that causes COVID-19, also known as SARS-CoV-2?
- In the last 14 days, has your child:
 - Traveled internationally to a CDC level 2 or 3 COVID-19 related travel health notice country;
 - or
 - Traveled to a state or territory on the NYS Travel Advisory List;
 - or
 - Been designated a contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 by a local health department?
- Does your child currently have (or has had in the last 10 days) one or more of these new or worsening symptoms?
 - Does your child currently have (or has had in the last 10 days) one or more of these new or worsening symptoms?
 - A temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F (37.8° C)
 - Feel feverish or have chills
 - Cough
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Fatigue/feeling of tiredness
 - Sore throat
 - Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
 - Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
 - Muscle pain or body aches
 - Headaches
 - Nasal congestion/runny nose

If you answered **YES** to any of the above questions your child **CAN NOT** attend school.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

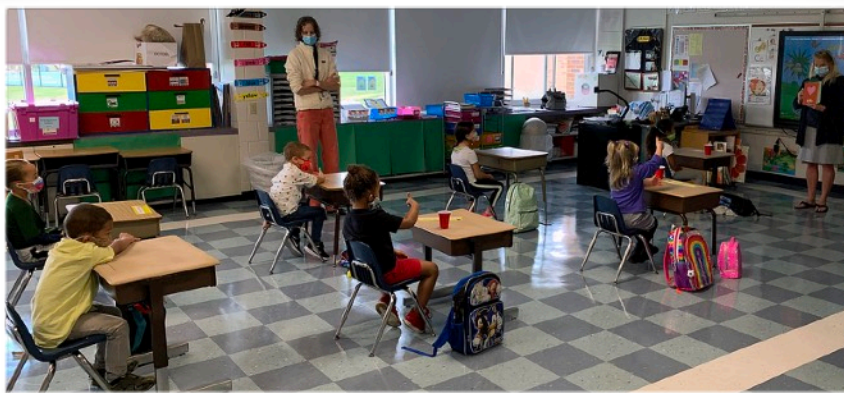
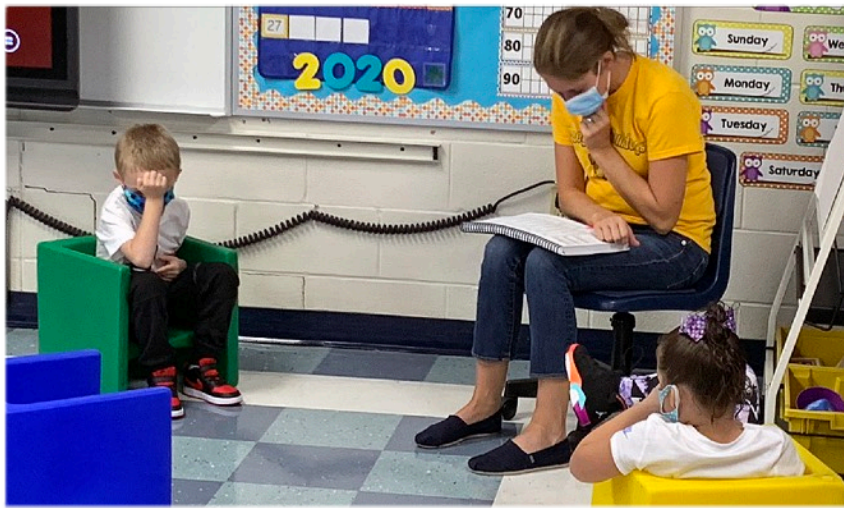
- Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
- Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
- Prolonged fever
- Racing heart or chest pain
- Is too sick to drink fluids
- Decreased urine output
- Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
- Lethargy, irritability, or confusion

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!



Casey Park Elementary School welcomed back their Group 1 Hybrid learners in grades K, 1, and 2 on Monday, September 28, 2020. The students were all eager to learn and transitioned very nicely into in-person learning. Students were quickly engaged in getting to know each other and learning activities. It was wonderful to see all of their smiling faces and hear their stories, conversations, and contributions to learning. We look forward to many more in-person learning days. Welcome back, Casey Park kiddos!

Kelly Garback, Principal



Central Registration Center for New Students

Remote Registration Process for New Students During COVID-19

Online student registration is currently open for new students enrolling in pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 for the 2020-2021 school year. Like many school districts, Auburn Enlarged City School District is adapting to the ever-changing environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Registration Process that will be followed during this time is online.

Please register your students using the enrollment form located at the following link:

<https://www.familyid.com/programs/auburn-csd-2020-2021-student-registration>



For more information,
please contact Tina Brechue,
AECSD Central Registration
Pre-K through 12th grade

(315) 255-8825 or

TinaBrechue@aecsd.education

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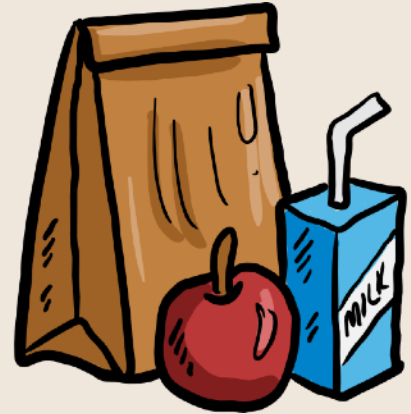


Have you ever heard of a "Herman" Apple?

There are Northern Spy Apples, Cortland Apples, and Golden Delicious Apples. However, have you ever heard of the Herman Apple? That is right! At Herman Avenue in the fall if you are lucky enough you can grab a Herman Apple from our garden! Mrs. Darling picked some one day and made the most delicious apple pie ever!

Ron Gorney, Principal

FREE Grab-and-Go Breakfast and Lunch For ALL Students!



Grab-n-go breakfasts and lunches are available for **ALL Auburn Enlarged City School District students**. Remote students can **pick up their meals between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Casey Park Elementary, Genesee Elementary, or Auburn Junior High School**. For students in school, meals will be served in each school on the day they attend and Grab-n-go meals will be distributed at the end of the day.

The weekly **Food Box Distribution Program** will continue until further notice. Distribution of 20-pound Produce boxes and 20-pound Meat boxes will be at **Auburn High School on Fridays starting at 9:00 a.m.** We thank the Food Bank of Central NY and our countless volunteers who have helped us provide food for our families.



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- Herman: @auburn_herman**
- Owasco: @auburn_owasco**
- Seward: @auburn_seward**



ATTENTION:

All events and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates: www.aecsd.education

#FixAndFundIt

The Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee has put this website together as a way to get information out to the community regarding the Foundation Aid issues affecting the district.

For more information please visit:

fixandfundit.org

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

2nd installment due:
December 4, 2020

Last day the collector will accept
taxes is December 4, 2020

Questions about your bill?
Call 315-255-8820
or e-mail:

TessaCrawford@aecsd.education

You can also look up your
bill online at:
www.taxlookup.net

You can pay in person at:
Tompkins Trust Company
186 North St. Auburn, NY

You can mail payments to:
AECSD Tax Collector
P.O. Box 6622
Ithaca, NY 14851



Constitution Day 2020

Mayor Quill recorded an inspirational message to The Owasco Fifth Graders and The Remote Academy Fifth Graders. His talk will be shared in October to highlight the fifth grade curriculum. The United States Constitution has 4,400 words.

Jacquelyn Ann Aversa



**GO
MAROONS!**

For the latest Athletic Updates go to:
www.aecsd.education/athletics



Keep Your Child on Track With Schoolwork

Supporting Children's Learning: Children who are struggling with schoolwork can become frustrated and look for ways to avoid going to school and participating in school. Our goal is to provide them with the support they need so they feel good about learning and good about themselves. Parents and teachers need to work together to help children succeed in school and feel connected. Find out more at:

www.everystudentpresent.org/parents

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.



Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

Students who are applying to colleges, please be aware that procedures for the confidentiality of student records within the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) have recently changed. FERPA permits school officials to disclose all education records, including disciplinary records, to another institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll. This now also applies to post-secondary institutions (colleges), upon request.

October 2020












| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 Fire Prevention Week | 5 | 6 Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM | 7 Casey Park CPTO Meeting 5:30PM | 8  LAST | 9 | 10  |
| 11 | 12  Columbus Day NO SCHOOL | 13 PHASE 3 Reopening Grades 3-6, 8, 9, 10 | 14 | 15 AEF Educational Grant Applications Due | 16  NEW Boss's Day HS End Marking Period 1 | 17 |
| 18 National Bullying Prevention Month Crime Prevention Month | 19 School Board Recognition Week | 20 Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM | 21 Walk Your Child to School | 22 Financial Aid Presentation @ AHS Auditorium 5:30PM College Night @ AHS Gym 6-7:30PM Soar into Learning Night @ Herman 5PM | 23  FIRST Red Ribbon Week October 23-31 (Drug Awareness) | 24 |
| 25 Czech Heritage, Italian Heritage, and Polish American Heritage Month | 26 | 27 Parent Teacher Conferences AHS 5:30-8:00PM | 28 Book Fair Week Casey Park AJHS Bus Safety Drills | 29 Early Release 11:30 Elementary Students for Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30PM & 5:30-7:30PM AJHS Bus Safety Drills | 30 Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30PM AHS Report Cards | 31  FULL  Halloween Blue Moon |

Help with Google & Technology Tools

Parent and student Remote Learning Technology Resources are available on the Parent Technology Resource page where you can access video tutorials that will help you navigate through Google Classroom and all the different Google platforms, and the basics on using a Chromebook. There is also a tutorial on how to access your Schootool account and how to reset your Schootool password. This link is also located under Announcements on all school homepages:

www.aecsd.education/technology/parent-technology-resources



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|  Google Chrome |  Google Drive |  Google Sheets |
|  Google Classroom |  Google Jamboard |  Google Slides |
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Updated!



Enhanced STAR Exemption for Senior Citizens

Senior property owners who already have a Basic STAR Exemption on their primary residence may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR Exemption when they are 65. You should apply when you are 64 so that, if you qualify, you may receive the exemption beginning the year that you turn 65. Auburn city residents should contact the Assessor's Office at City Hall on South Street (255-4125). Other Auburn (Aurelius, Throop, Owasco, Sennett, Fleming) and Cayuga County residents should contact their local assessor's office. The deadline for applications for Auburn city residents is February 1. Other Auburn and Cayuga County residents should check with their local assessor.

The Enhanced STAR program for senior citizens provides eligible seniors an exemption from school property taxes for owner-occupied, primary residences. To be eligible for this exemption, a property owner must be 65 years of age or older on December 31, 2021, with income not exceeding \$90,550.

STAR provides qualifying households with up to a \$69,800 exemption on the full value of their property. Qualifying residents owning a home with a full value of \$100,000 would recognize an estimated tax savings of \$1,000+ from the Enhanced STAR for the tax year in which they qualify.

For more information and to check the latest updates go to the NYS STAR Program website: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/>



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