

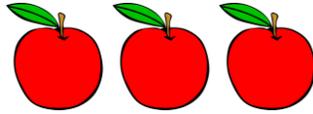
Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS



A-O Elementary School

For those families that have chosen for students to return to school buildings for in-person learning, please review the following information...



New Protocols

As we return to our school buildings, ABSS has implemented many safety protocols [outlined by NC Department of Health and Human Services](#), to maintain the health and well-being of staff and students during this time. A detailed list of protocols is available on the [ABSS website](#) and a few of the important updates are [highlighted in this video](#).

Informational videos:

Temperature taking procedures at school - <https://youtu.be/PI-wRe6JrLI>

The district has pulled together [frequently asked questions and answers](#) for your review, but please feel free to reach out to the school with any questions.

Cleaning

The district works with the Budd Group to provide cleaning technicians at every school. These employees are dedicated to cleaning high touch surfaces throughout the school day. Additionally, the Budd Group completes cleaning in the evenings, after students and staff leave for the day.

Face Coverings

While on school property, inside or outside, students (aged 5 and up) and all adults will be required to wear cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth. Throughout the day, students will have opportunities to remove their cloth face coverings, when eating breakfast and lunch. Students will be permitted to sit, 6ft. socially distanced with masks off to eat and to have normal conversations with nearby peers; they will not be permitted to move about the classroom space or hallway spaces with masks down/off. Students will also wear masks during PE and structured recess opportunities. Depending on weather conditions, there *may* be times that students may be permitted to remove masks for breaks when sitting still, socially distanced, *outside* of the school building. Please begin working with your students on wearing face coverings at home so that they are ready when they return to the school building.

Note: The district has delivered extra face coverings to each school for students and staff who may be in need.

Note: Students are not permitted to wear bandanas, neck gaiter, or head wrap as a face covering. Only proper cloth or disposable face masks may be worn. Students who forget their masks will be provided one.

Meals

Meals will be pre-packaged and delivered to the classrooms for students to eat. Students may still bring their own breakfast/ lunch to school if they wish. However, there will be no microwave access to heat lunches. At this time, all school meals are **free**.

The district will provide two bottles of water per day for each student. Water fountains will not be in use throughout the day.

Our cafeteria staff will work with school administrators, teacher assistants, and teachers to ensure that meals are delivered and eaten in an orderly fashion. Custodians will work with staff to ensure that all trash is removed immediately following each meal, and that student movement to any trash can receptacle remains socially-distanced. Students will use in-class hand sanitizer immediately before and after each meal. Hands will be washed during restroom breaks.

Wait and Wash

Social distancing is a key component of returning to school safely. Social distancing (“physical distancing”) means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home.

In common areas around the buildings, there will be clearly marked areas to remind everyone to remain socially distanced, 6 feet apart.

In addition to social distancing, students will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, or hand sanitizer as much as possible.

Our school hallways will limit travel or passing of more than one class at a time. If a teacher looks down a hallway and another class is present, they will wait until that classroom clears the hallway. Students will be instructed to only walk on the right-hand side of hallways, which also happens to be a regular part of our already-established Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) guidelines, supported by the state of NC.

Health Screenings

Students and staff returning to school buildings will be required to have an annual attestation form on file. Parents/Guardians can complete this form online for each student returning to campus. [Please use this link to complete the form.](#) Families should not send students to school if they are exhibiting signs of COVID-19. If students have a temperature above 100.4, they will have to return home with their parent or guardians.

Everyone will have their temperature taken before entering the building. If the student passes the health screening process, they will receive a wristband which allows staff to easily identify that they have been screened and can proceed into the building.

Car rider doors will open at 7:30AM. Car Riders will remain in the car during the screening process. The parent/guardian will help the student answer the attestation questions and the student will have their temperature taken. Once the student passes the screening, they will be given a wristband to be zipped into their book bag pocket, and then they will walk to class with a mask on. Staff will be positioned along the route to ensure social distancing. If a car rider does not pass the temperature check, they will pull forward to be rechecked after 10 minutes.

In the pm, students will be called from classrooms in socially-distanced groups to walk to the gym for car rider dismissal. All students will remain in classrooms until called. Please ensure that your child's name is written on a large piece of cardstock or posterboard to display in/on your car dash. If you need cardstock or posterboard, please drop by our front office.

Bus riders will be socially distanced on the bus, only one student per seat unless they are from the same household. Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation. Bus riders will complete the health screening when they reach school. Once the student passes the screening, they will be given a wristband to be zipped into their book bag pocket, and then they will walk to class with a mask on. Staff will be positioned along the route to ensure social distancing.

COVID-19 Symptoms

If a student shows symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, they will be *escorted* to an isolation room and Parents/Guardians will be called to pick up their student immediately. If the parent/guardian consents, the school nurse can complete a COVID-19 rapid test. This test will provide results within 15 minutes. The school nurse will be in full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If a student tests positive with the rapid antigen test, they are considered positive for COVID-19, and will isolate at home for 10 days. **Students can return to the building when** answer YES to ALL THREE statements outlined below:

- It has been at least 10 days since the day of testing/onset of symptoms.
- It has been 24 hours since your child had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)
- Symptom improvement - including cough/shortness of breath

Any siblings or other students that live in the same household will leave school and will quarantine per the NCDHHS and ACHD guidelines. If the symptomatic student tests negative with the rapid antigen test, the student will not be allowed to return until they can provide proof of a negative PCR test, OR provide documentation from a medical provider of an alternative diagnosis, OR have been out for 10 days from the time symptoms started AND have symptom improvement.

Communications

The district has a communication guide that has helpful information about if/when families will be notified if there is a COVID-19 case at school. Additionally, the district shares data in a dashboard updated weekly. You can review the [communication guide and dashboard here](#).

Our school administration and teaching staff communicates via email, conferences via phone or Zoom, messages sent via a class app (Dojo, Remind, Bloomz, Class Tag) and office-created ConnectEd calls. Our contact information may be found on our school website

Classrooms

Students will remain with their classes and cohorts for the entire day. Classrooms will be set-up to help students engage with their teacher and remote classmates, simultaneously, while following social distancing protocols. Students will be able to spend time outside and enjoy structured physical activities, weather permitting. We will not be permitted to use the playground until further notice, but organized, structured physical activities will take place, while students are masked.

Students will participate in Specials classes in their general education, grade level classrooms. Specials teachers will move class-to-class and not students in an effort to reduce contact tracing challenges and spreading of germs.

Only very small groups of students will transition to another socially distanced and sanitized location during any scheduled part of their school day and not entire classes of students. To this end, 4th and 5th grade classes will still block but not ever switch classrooms; teachers will come to them and maintain mask wearing/social distancing.

Desks and other items that students touch will be sanitized daily. Students will not share any items that have not been sanitized, and most items will not be shared during that same day, even with sanitization.

Weekly Schedule

Our school will follow a cohort model beginning **March 1, 2021**. The ABSS School Calendar for Plan B is located [here](#). Clicking on “Student Calendar” will show a visual delineation of cohorted days. Instruction will be blended to include both teacher-directed (scheduled time for instruction, lessons, discussion, and small groups) and independent work. [To learn more about “Blended Learning” and watch some helpful videos, visit our website](#). Additionally, graphics that provide more information on our blended learning model may be found [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). As you can see, Wednesdays will be fully “live teacher” (synchronous) remote learning days, for the entire length of the school day, for all students in the class.n Student Zoom Etiquette Reminders can be found [here](#).

Bus riders' daily student arrival times to campus will be dependent upon ABSS bus routes, but busses will not unload prior to 7:15AM. Bus stop pick up and drop off times will be communicated to parents.

Car riders will begin being screened and doors will open for entry at 7:30AM.

****Note:** Until further notice, we will have no **“Walkups”** from A-O parking lots nor from the church lot in the am nor in the pm. Students will either be bus riders on the bus lot or car riders that are dropped off and picked up on the **curb in between** the ballfield and the gym doors. This is the same place we have always had car rider drop off and pick up. The only difference now is that no parents will be walking up to the school. Everyone will remain in cars, along the curb, and not parked in lots.

Afternoon pickup for car riders will begin after the busses leave the bus lot to make their first run, which should be prior to 2:50PM. Students of any bus routes that have to make a second or third run will remain in their own classrooms, with afternoon car riders, until the bus returns for the next pickup.

A-O will not operate before school nor after school care (no A-O Club) at this time.

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Health and safety are important to us as we look forward to returning to the school buildings. In order to be successful, we will need everyone to take part. Wear your face covering. Wait 6 feet apart. Wash your hands. Begin working with your students and talking about the importance of the 3 Ws. We are excited to welcome everyone back!

