

Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS



E.M. Holt Elementary

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](#).

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. Playgrounds will be cleaned each morning and again at midday.

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 also wear masks during PE and recess.

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. Please begin working with your students on wearing face coverings at home so that they are ready when they return to the school building.

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

Meals

Meals will be pre-packaged and delivered to the classrooms for students to eat. Students may still bring their own 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.

Students will eat breakfast and lunch in their classroom in their assigned seat. Prior to breakfast and lunch students will either wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Students will be able to take off their masks while eating. We will ask students to use the first ten minutes of lunch to eat and then students will be allowed to quietly talk with others from their assigned seat. At the conclusion of lunch students will throw away any lunch trash and use hand sanitizer.

The cafeteria can be used only at 50% capacity so classes may be assigned to eat in the cafeteria in assigned seats on a schedule or on nice weather days teachers will have the option of taking the class outside to eat in one of our grassy areas around the school.

Wait and Wash

We will do our best to distance students in each area of the building. In common areas around the buildings, there will be clearly marked areas to remind everyone to remain socially distanced.

In addition to distancing, students will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, or hand sanitizer as much as possible. Hand sanitizer is available in each learning space and at each entrance/exit.

Upon arrival at school students will be screened before entry into the building and follow social distancing protocols throughout the school. There are social distancing markers both inside and outside the school building. In classrooms, students will have assigned seats and teachers will follow the classroom seating chart. Students will be distanced as space allows. Our hallways are split into two sections with tape and directional arrows as a visual to encourage students to stay on the correct side of the hallway or walkway.

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 the student passes the health screening question process, they will receive a wristband which allows staff to easily identify that they have been screened and can proceed into the building.

Car Riders will remain in the car during the screening process. The parent/guardian will help the student answer the questions. Once the student passes the screening, they will receive their wristband. In the morning all car rider students will follow this procedure. Second through fifth grade car rider students that successfully pass through the screening process will enter through the front entrance where they will receive a colored wristband. Our staff on duty will assist students with putting on their wristbands as they enter the building. Kindergarten and first grade students that successfully pass through the screening process will enter through the pit entrance where they will receive a colored wristband. Our staff on duty will assist students with putting on their wristbands as they enter the building.

In the afternoon our car riders will be dismissed from their classroom. All car riders will be assigned a number that will be displayed on the car rider tag. One of our E.M. Holt staff members will walk the line and enter the car rider tag numbers which will communicate with each classroom about which students need to be released. Car

riders will dismiss directly from the classrooms due to social distancing needs. We will have staff in the hallways to help guide students to the correct location. Kindergarten and first grade students will walk down and out the front of the K/1 hall up the ramp and to their assigned cone to be dismissed. Second through fifth grade students will walk down the second through fifth grade hall and out the front entrance to their assigned cone. The app will allow us to display the cars being dismissed in the classrooms as well as the next set of cars that are waiting.

We will distance students on the bus when possible and students will be given an assigned seat. Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation. Bus riders will complete the health screening when they reach school and receive their arm band to enter the building.

Bus riders will be dismissed from the classroom. Staff assigned to each grade level will help with walking students out to the buses. Staff will collect students from the whole grade level and take them out to the buses. As students board the bus to return home they will get hand sanitizer and sit in their assigned seat for the ride home.

COVID-19 Symptoms

If a student shows symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, they will be sent to an isolation room and Parent/Guardians are 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).

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](#).

Please continue to email your child’s teacher, use class dojo, or call the office at 336-570-6420 to communicate any questions or concerns.

Classrooms

We will distance students in classrooms as best we can as space allows. All students will have an assigned seat in their classrooms. We will also use plexiglass dividers in the middle of tables when appropriate to help provide an extra layer of protection.

Students will remain with their class throughout the day unless they receive related services. Students will leave the classroom for related services (EC, AIG, speech, ESOL, interventions) as these will be provided in the EC, AIG, speech, ESOL and intervention classrooms. Related service staff will supervise students when transitioning to encourage distancing when possible and will disinfect in between groups. Students will be able to spend time outside, and enjoy recess, weather permitting.

In person students will travel to the gym for PE, music room for music, art room for art and media center for media. We will utilize plexiglass dividers in special areas where they are appropriate to provide an extra layer of protection. Students will have assigned seats in these areas and specialists will disinfect areas and or equipment in between classes. Specials will last for 40 minutes. Students are still required to wear masks during PE. Equipment use will be limited and any equipment that is being used will be disinfected prior to another cohort of students. For art class, students will bring their individually bagged art supplies to use during art. Students will not share art or media supplies. There are ten minutes in our schedule between classes to ensure disinfection between classes.

Students that are remaining virtual will have specials during the assigned grade level times. Please review the schedule below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE	Media	Music	Art	Choice Board

Kindergarten	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
11:50-12:20	9:50-10:20	9:10-9:40	10:30-11:00	1:40-2:10	1:00-1:30

Students will have recess daily and will be able to go outside as weather permits. The playground will be open for classes however we can only have one class on the playground at a time so classes will follow their assigned recess schedules for locations to ensure that we do not have more than one class on the playground at a time. The playground will be cleaned twice throughout the school day.

Students are required to wear their mask during recess unless it is a scheduled mask break. We strongly encourage all students to bring an individual recess bag with items such as a ball, jump rope or sidewalk chalk labeled with their name. These items will be for your child's own individual use during recess. Please do not include any electronic devices.

Weekly Schedule

Our school hours are 7:50 - 2:35. Students may begin arriving by car after 7:30. All students will be offered the option to return to school five days each week. We must have any changes turned in by Monday, March 22nd. We will begin the Monday through Friday schedule on April 12th. If parents do not choose the in-person option, students will be required to Zoom in five days per week. All students are required to attend class face-to-face (in person or by Zoom remotely) all five days. Your child's teachers will be communicating your child's schedule. Please understand that with teaching both remote and in person students the instructional delivery may look differently than it has previously. If you should have any questions about your child's schedule please reach out to your child's teacher.

Explore Before/After School Day Care

We will offer before and after school daycare on a limited basis at E.M. Holt. The morning program will open at 6:45 a.m. Parents will need to walk students to the door and complete the health screening process prior to dropping students off. Only students that are enrolled in the before school program may attend morning care. All other students must wait until 7:30 for student arrival. There are no exceptions due to Covid-19 restrictions. All morning

care students will have assigned seating. Students will be expected to remain in the assigned seat during morning care. Students will be dismissed to go to their classrooms at 7:30 am.

Our after school program will open on a limited basis at 2:40 p.m. and operate until 5:30 p.m. Children in after school care will be given a prepackaged afternoon snack, have assigned seating for homework time, and have outdoor play time as weather permits. Students will distance as much as possible during after school activities. Please call the office if you would like information on either program.

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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. Distance when possible. Wash your hands. Begin working with your students and talking about the importance of the 3 Ws. We are excited to welcome everyone back!