

# Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS

**Harvey R. Newlin 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.

As we work to keep our students and staff safe, visitors will only be permitted by appointment. Please call the front office if you need to schedule an appointment: 336-570-6125

## **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. Newlin has one sanitation specialist on campus daily. Newlin also has one full time day porter. Evening crews consist of five crew members who will clean all rooms and school facilities daily.

## **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. Teachers will schedule mask breaks throughout the student day to include lunch, inside and outside the school building.

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**.

Lunch times will be staggered to account for meal delivery Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. On Wednesday, our all remote-day, we will maintain our lunch hour from 12pm-1pm. All students will be eating lunch in their classrooms while socially distanced.

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

The menu items are linked to the district site- there are no choices provided, but this will inform students of what will be served daily. [ABSS Menu Link](#)

## 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. Students will move in one direction while traveling in the hallways. We will indicate student and adult direction by the use of arrows.

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.

Hand sanitizer is available in each learning space and at the entrance and/or exit.

## 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 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 receive their wristband.

**Arrival:**

- All car riders will be screened in their cars before coming into the building and students will be given bracelets while in their car. A staff member will be located at a cone and cars will be monitored before students get out of their car. After entering the building students will go directly to their classrooms and have breakfast there. Staff members will be socially distanced in the hallway to monitor student movement into their classrooms.
- We will begin screening students and allowing them to come into the building starting at 7:30am.

**Dismissal**

- Students in downstairs classrooms will remain socially distanced in their classrooms until their name is called for dismissal.
- Students in upstairs classrooms will be seated in the lower hallway socially distanced with assigned seats.

Bus riders will be socially distanced on the bus, only one student per seat unless they are siblings. Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation. Bus riders will complete the health screening when they reach school.

**Arrival:**

- All bus riders will be screened on the bus and the entire bus will be released to report directly to their classroom where they will have breakfast there.

**Dismissal:**

- All bus riders and daycare riders will be dismissed by announcements in the afternoon. There will be hallway monitors to ensure social distancing.

## **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](#). If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 cases at our school or our processes for safely returning to school, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher through email, Class Dojo, or phone call, or you can email/call school administration: Larry Conte at 336-570-6125 Ext. 35401 or [Lawrence\\_Conte@abss.k12.nc.us](mailto:Lawrence_Conte@abss.k12.nc.us)

## Classrooms

Students will remain with their classes and cohorts for the entire day and classrooms will be set-up to help students engage with their teacher and classmates while following social distancing protocols. Students will be able to spend time outside, and enjoy recess, weather permitting.

Students will eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms socially distanced and will remain with their cohort classroom during recess.

All students will have a recess break, weather permitting, outside. Until consistent cleaning can be scheduled, students will be unable to use playground equipment.

All students will have an assigned seat that will be 6 feet or more from their peers. If students sit at a table, there will be a plexiglass divider in the middle of the table.

All students will participate in daily specials virtually, whether they are in person or remote.

Additional opportunities may be offered wherein in-person students can report to larger spaces for additional extension opportunities.

Students will have multiple opportunities throughout the day for brain breaks within their classroom.

## Weekly Schedule

Our school will follow a cohort model beginning **March 1**

Please [click here](#) for our Newlin Master Schedule. This is a general schedule. Teachers will provide class specific schedules with families before the first day of our in-person start day. Newlin's students will participate in school specials via Zoom.

All students are required to attend class face-to-face (in person or by Zoom remotely) 3 days each week (either A or B days and Wednesday.) Related services/tier interventions may also request service time on non-cohort days. Teachers will be communicating your child's cohort schedule directly. If you have any questions about the configurations used within our school, please don't hesitate to contact administration: Larry Conte at 336-570-6125 ext: 35401, [lawrence\\_conte@abss.k12.nc.us](mailto:lawrence_conte@abss.k12.nc.us)

Face-to-face instruction, remote and in person, will begin at 8am for all students Monday-Friday.

Remote students, on their cohort days and Wednesdays, should be on Zoom by 8am each morning. Car and Bus Dismissal will begin at 2:35 each afternoon.

At this time before and after school care will not be available at Newlin Elementary.

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.](#) If you have any questions about your child's instructional schedule, please contact your child's teacher through email, Dojo, phone.

## **Success '21**

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!