

# Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS

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

## **New Protocols**

On March 24th NC DHHS updated the [StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit](#). In light of these changes and in consultation with the ACHD, the following changes are being made to our screening protocols:

**The StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit states that: (see page 13)**

All schools in Plan A and Plan B are required to:

Enforce that staff and students must disclose and stay at home/go home if:

- They have tested positive for COVID-19, until they meet criteria for return.
- They have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19, until they meet criteria for return.
- They are showing COVID-19 symptoms, until they meet criteria for return.

1. **ABSS will no longer be checking temperatures upon entry into the building.** If a person is exhibiting signs of having a fever, they will be sent to the school nurse or a designee to have their temperature measured.
2. At all school entry points, there will be signs reminding people not to enter the building if they are having any COVID-19 like symptoms. We will no longer verbally ask staff, visitors, and/or students if they are having **specific symptoms** upon entry into the building. **It is the responsibility of staff and families to stay home if they are having any symptoms of illness.**

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.

## 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. Please begin working with your students on wearing face coverings at home so that they are ready when they return to the school building. ***Students are not permitted to wear bandanas, neck gaiter, or head wraps as a face covering.*** Only proper cloth or disposable face masks may be worn. Students who forget their masks will be provided one. The district has delivered extra face coverings to each school for students and staff who may be in need.

## Meals

### Breakfast

Meals will be pre-packaged and delivered to the classrooms for students to eat upon their arrival.

### Lunch

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.

We will utilize our school cafeteria at 50% capacity. This will allow classes to enjoy eating in the cafeteria on a rotating schedule. When it is not their designated day and time to eat in the cafeteria, students will eat in their classrooms at their individual desks socially distanced as possible.

## 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, as much as possible.

Our school has signage throughout the building and our school nurse provides reminders during the day regarding handwashing, social distancing and ways to minimize exposure. Hallways are marked with directional arrows to keep students separated as they move up and down the hallways. Students will move down the hall on the right side and students coming up the hall will use the left side. Hallways have additional signage to direct students. 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.

## 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:

1. They have any COVID-19 like symptoms including (fever 100.4 or greater, Sore throat, New Cough, Difficulty Breathing, New loss of taste or smell, Diarrhea or vomiting, and or new onset of severe headache).
2. They have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting test results.
3. They have tested positive for COVID-19 and have not met the criteria for returning to the building.
4. They have been in close contact (been within 6 feet of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes over a 24 hours period) in the last 14 days. Or they have been contacted by any health department staff member or health care provider and been advised to quarantine.

Thank you for following these important safety guidelines by keeping your student home if you answer yes to any of the previous statements. Please communicate with the school if your student will not be able to report to school in person due to COVID-19. If you have questions please contact the school nurse.

### Car Riders - ARRIVAL

Students will report directly to their classrooms each morning during arrival.

Staff that are helping with the car rider line will **continue to verbally remind parents** about not dropping off children that have any exclusionary criteria.

Example: The staff helping with student arrival will ask “Is it safe for your student to be at school today?” **If yes, then they can proceed inside and will be given a colored wristband which allows staff to easily identify that they were screened.** If no, the student must return home and consult with the school nurse.

All students will be monitored as they move throughout the building by staff in the hallways and in their doorways.

### Car Riders - DISMISSAL

Dismissal will follow our normal procedures except students will be dismissed directly from their classrooms to the car circles as numbers are called. Please expect delays if you are picking up your student in the afternoon since we have to call students directly from their classrooms.

Again, due to Covid protocols we are unable to gather students in the halls together for

dismissal. We will continue to utilize our two drop off and pick up locations and this should help with the long lines we are expecting. K-1 students and any older siblings will be dropped off and picked up at the end of the K/1 hall on Cardwell Drive. 2nd through 5th Grade students will be dropped off and picked up at the front of the building in our main car circle.

#### Bus riders - ARRIVAL

Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation.

Parents have previously completed the attestation form indicating that they would keep their students home if they have any exclusionary criteria. **We will no longer screen for temperatures upon arrival to the building.** Students will be met by staff and if a student appears to be unwell, then they will be sent to the nurse or designee for further evaluation. All other students will proceed in the building and be given a colored wristband which allows staff to know they were screened.

#### Bus riders - DISMISSAL

Dismissal will follow our normal procedures except students will be dismissed directly from their classrooms to the bus lot as numbers are called.

## **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 feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or the office staff if you have any questions at (336) 570-6140.

## **Classrooms**

Students will remain with their classes for the entire day with exception of small groups (AIG, EC, ESL, Guided Reading and Interventions). For these small group pull out times, there will be cleaning in between each group of all surfaces. Classrooms will be set-up to help students engage with their teacher and classmates while following social distancing protocols as space

allows. Students will be able to spend time outside and enjoy recess, weather permitting.

**Students who are attending in person:**

Specials will be in their classroom with the exception of PE which will be outside as weather permits. Special teachers will travel to each room to provide instruction at their designated time.

**Students who are attending through remote instruction:**

Students will receive 5 days of instruction zooming with their teacher and general schedules for these students are linked here. Teachers will directly communicate with you any variations in your child's schedule. Specials for remote students will be asynchronous.

## **Weekly Schedule**

Beginning on April 12, 2021 students are able to return to in person instruction 5 days a week. 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.

## **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. Additionally, it will be important for parents to keep students home if they are showing symptoms and not feeling well. This will help us keep everyone safe and keep our students in school. We are excited to welcome everyone back!