

Perry Central Community School Corporation

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Dear Perry Central Families:

The hybrid format has helped us when a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19 because in hybrid, we have been able to maintain 6 feet of distance, which resulted in far fewer close contacts who had to be quarantined. For the past several days, the case count in Perry County has improved, and our current quarantine levels are the best they have been since before Thanksgiving. For that reason, and because of the feedback we have gotten from families about the need for in-person schooling, we have decided to return in-person next week.

Starting next Monday, February 1st, all students who have not selected virtual format will attend school each day. Families who have elected the virtual school option for their students will continue to have that option through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. We will have a virtual day on Wednesday every other week. For the month of February, our virtual days will be Wednesday, February 10th and 24th. (Preschool students who have been attending on Thursdays and Fridays will continue with Thursday-Friday until further notice.)

When we all come back to campus, a positive case is likely to result in more quarantines. Our hope is that we can keep quarantines at low enough levels to be able to stay in person, but as we have all learned, things change quickly with COVID. Upon their return, students will be reminded of the expectation that masks must be worn over their noses and mouths on the school bus and anytime they cannot be socially distanced while at school. K-2 students are the exception to this rule inside the building but must wear masks on the school bus. Please keep your children home from school if they are sick.

We will continue to communicate with families, and we encourage you to reach out with questions or concerns. We are genuinely grateful for your ongoing support!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tara Bishop'.

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