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Dear Perry Central Families:

We have learned that Perry County is still under the Advisory Level Red status this week. Therefore, we will continue with increased safety measures, including mandatory indoor masking when students cannot be socially distant and limited attendance at sporting events. The specific language received from ISDH by the Perry County Health Department states the following:

*Your county has been designated as **RED** in this week's county color code advisory map with a composite score of 2.5 based on the 7-day average of positive cases and rate of cases per 100,000. Your county has a two-metric score of 2.5 (orange) but due to a red status within the past two weeks, the advisory level is still red.*

The data at Perry Central is mirroring community data, showing that COVID-19 is spreading in our school community. Over the course of the first 7 days of school, we have had a total of 11 positive cases of COVID-19 among our students, with 5 cases coming from one classroom. Between school cases and community cases that impact students, we have a current total of 139 students in quarantine. We are doing our very best to keep school open, and we need your help. Please keep children home if they are sick.

In addition to handling the pandemic, we have also had a lot of really positive things happening at school these first seven days! Perry Central's amazing staff works diligently each day to live out our commitment to meet students where they are and help them go as far as they can. We thank you for entrusting your children to our care. It is a privilege that we do not take for granted.

We will continue to communicate with families each week as things change. Always reach out with questions or concerns. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

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

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