



HARRISON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Since Wednesday of last week, the average number of new positive COVID-19 cases per day in Harrison County has dropped from 22 to 12 as the surge of new cases from holiday events has subsided. We expect the trend of a lower daily case count to continue over the next few weeks or even months. As a school district, we are extremely excited about the opportunity for our students to return to in-person learning. There is no doubt that the school environment is where teachers are best able to teach and where students are best able to learn. Just as important, school is where our students gain valuable life experiences that help to shape their social and emotional well-being.

As a result of the decline in new local COVID-19 cases to a number that is manageable and safe for the school community, the Harrison County School District will return to the Hybrid Learning Model beginning Monday, February 1, 2021. Student groupings will remain the same as before with Group A in person on Monday & Tuesday, while Group B will report in person Thursday & Friday. Wednesday is a virtual day for all students. Students or families that are unsure of their grouping or days of in-person instruction may directly contact their school.

During Hybrid Learning, meals will be ready to go home with students at the end of the day on Tuesday and Friday. Meal pickup is available by drive-through on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

In an effort to help us remain in-person for the rest of the school year, please do your part to help mitigate the transmission of the virus. You can do this by considering everyone you come into contact with as a positive case. Please wear your mask when indoors in public spaces. Please maintain six feet or more of social distance from all individuals. Please limit the amount of time in closed spaces with multiple parties. Please wash your hands regularly and keep them away from your mouth, nose, or eyes.

Together, our community can weather this pandemic. We look forward to seeing all students that have chosen in-person learning on your group's days next week February 1 - 5.

Most sincerely,

Dr. Harry Burchett, Superintendent
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