



Perry County School District 32

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Board of Education has approved a mask mandate for all District 32 schools, which was developed in cooperation with Perry County Health Department. This action was taken in response to a Nov. 12 announcement by Gov. Mike Parson, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which modifies K-12 school pandemic procedures.

Under this new guidance, proper mask-wearing may now prevent certain individuals from being quarantined as close contacts in K-12 schools that have adopted a mask mandate.

This means that students and staff who are exposed to COVID-19 in the school setting can be considered “Allowable Close Contacts” if both parties were properly wearing an appropriate face mask. Allowable Close Contacts will be allowed to come to school to teach or learn during their quarantine period. When not in school, these individuals will stay home in accordance with Perry County Health Department protocols.

We will continue to monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, and all students and staff must stay home if they are ill.

I have attached the mask mandate, which provides all the particulars about when and how masks are to be worn, and further explains the Allowable Close Contact procedures.

For our younger students in Grades PK-5, very little will change in their daily routines. Middle school students in Grades 6-8 may be masked for longer periods during the day, depending on the number of students in each class. Our high school students in Grades 9-12 and those at the career center will see the greatest change after the new year, as class sizes will be greatly increased with the return of all students to campus 5 days per week. They will be masked the majority of the school day.

Our district realizes that the very best place for students is in school each day with their teachers and classmates. The mask mandate gives us one more tool to keep them here, where they belong.

Sincerely,

**Andy Comstock
Superintendent**

