Perry County is currently ranked in the top 10 counties in the State of Missouri for the highest number positive cases of COVID-19 per capita. Additionally, our community has over 70 active cases and over 150 close contacts to positive cases that the Perry County Health Department has asked to self-isolate at home.

The next 2 weeks in Perry County have the potential to turn a bad situation even worse. If citizens do not take personal responsibility and avoid large crowds and events, wear masks when within 6 feet of others, and stay home if they are sick or are awaiting test results, we may see an even higher increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases and close contacts in our community. At this time, the Perry County Health Department is strongly discouraging large social gatherings of any kind and strongly encouraging only spending time within your household family unit. If we are going to fight this worsening spread, we are going to have to come together as a community. Every citizen, business, and organization have a role to play and the daily choices we each make are going to shape how Perry County comes out of this pandemic. Let's work on making our community safe for our families, friends, neighbors, and visitors. We appreciate the individuals who are following public health recommendations, but as a whole we can do better. We HAVE to do better.

