



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

August 13, 2021

Dear Catholic School Parents and Employees,

We continue to monitor the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic in South Florida. As you are likely aware, infection rates and hospitalizations (particularly amongst children) continue to escalate throughout our region. The Archdiocese remains committed to providing for the health and wellbeing of our students. Given this vital priority, we are making revisions to our current COVID policy. These revisions are in effect immediately, and are likely to remain in place through at least August 31. We will continue to evaluate our policy continuously in the days and weeks to come.

Mask Usage:

Effective immediately for all Catholic elementary schools: Masks are **required** for all individuals (students, employees, volunteers) in elementary schools *regardless of vaccination status* while indoors. Masks are optional outdoors.

For Catholic High Schools: Masks are required of all non-vaccinated individuals (students, employees, volunteers) while indoors. Masks are optional, but encouraged, for all fully vaccinated individuals. Masks are optional outdoors. We are taking a different approach to masking in our high schools due to the availability of a vaccine for all students and employees.

Travel:

Travel requirements for travel within Florida, within the US but outside Florida and internationally have been updated and simplified with respect to the need for quarantine and testing upon return. Those requirements of the Archdiocese of Miami policy are as follows, and are effective immediately.

FOR THE UNVACCINATED Student, Faculty, Staff

Within Florida --No quarantine or testing required for travel within Florida

Outside FL but within USA – quarantine and testing (7-day + PCR) at DISCRETION of school/parish

International - quarantine and testing (7-day + PCR) is MANDATORY

FOR THE FULLY VACCINATED Student, Faculty, Staff

Within Florida --No quarantine or testing required for travel within Florida

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Outside FL but within USA – NO quarantine or testing required

International – NO quarantine; testing (PCR) is MANDATORY, on day 3, 4, or 5, with report to the school/parish

The remainder of our COVID policy, as previously communicated, remains in place.

Please remember that our policy remains continuously under review and is subject to change as the pandemic evolves. As always, we are fully committed to the safety and wellbeing of your child. I know that we will have a positive and successful school year together!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Rigg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "R".

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