



**ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

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Dear St. Mark Catholic School Community,

Per the CDC, "COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized in the United States have been shown to be effective against SARS-CoV-2 infections, including asymptomatic and symptomatic infection, severe disease, and death. These findings, along with the early evidence for reduced viral load in vaccinated people who develop COVID-19, suggest that any associated transmission risk is likely to be substantially reduced in vaccinated people."

Given the recent increase in positive COVID-19 cases in North Texas and the presence of the Delta Variant, we are *highly recommending* that all unvaccinated students wear masks while indoors in accordance with current CDC guidance. For fully vaccinated students, masking is optional.

If there is a positive COVID-19 case in the classroom, all unmasked students who are not fully vaccinated will need to be quarantined in accordance with County guidance. Therefore, out of an abundance of caution and to avoid lengthy quarantines, we are *highly recommending* that unvaccinated students wear masks while indoors.

Since many students on campus are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, all faculty and staff will be vaccinated, masked, or both in an effort to keep everyone safe and avoid quarantines ourselves.

We appreciate your prayerful consideration with respect to the above and respect the decision of each family.

During the school year, all parents, visitors, and vendors on campus will be required to wear masks while indoors, whether vaccinated or not.

Please note: The school reserves the right at any time to implement temporary school-wide masking regardless of a student's vaccination status.

Peace & Prayers,

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***Phillipians 4:13 – I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me.***