

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Blessed Trinity Families,

Many of you have expressed questions about the effects of Dane County Public Health's Order #17 effective Thursday, August 19 through Thursday, September 16, 2021. I want to thank you for your continued patience and support as we navigate COVID-19 together.

First, it should be noted that many of the mitigation measures we utilized last year remain in place. These include teaching good personal hygiene (e.g., hand washing, covering coughs, etc.), regularly sanitizing our school, quarantining students who have been exposed to COVID-19, and keeping students home who are not feeling well.

After consulting with Michael Lancaster, the Diocese of Madison's Superintendent of Schools, it is clear that we must do our best to faithfully implement Order #17's mask mandate. However, we will work to present as many opportunities as possible for our students to be maskless. This includes holding class time outside, incorporating "mask breaks" when students are 3 feet or more apart, and allowing ample time for drink and snack breaks.

Dane County's order states that "*Individuals with medical conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, or other sensory sensitivities that prevent the individual from wearing a face-covering*" are exempt from wearing a mask. Therefore, unless a parent or guardian provides us with written documentation of such an exemption, all students will be expected to wear a mask while in the school building.

If you have any questions or would like more clarification, please call me at 608-59-25711 x 7 or email me at azepp@btcatholic.us.

Kindly,

Alicia Zepp
Principal