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Dear Families,

I greet you in the name our Lord and ask Him to grant you His peace. This letter comes to inform you of changes to our COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. On Friday Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive order 185. This new order mandates that all students K-5 must now wear masks/face covering all day while in the building.

Beginning Monday October 5, all children enrolled in Immaculate Conception Catholic School or *Immaculate Care for Kids* (Kindergarten-6th) are required to wear masks/face coverings in the building all day except when eating. This order does not affect protocols for our preschool students; everything remains the same for them.

The executive order also outlined additional requirements for reporting possible cases of COVID-19. At this time our diocese has requested clarification of these requirements. When we have additional information, we will share it with you. Immaculate Conception will continue to work with our local health department to follow reporting and contact tracing procedures.

Our diocesan superintendent, Margaret Erich, sent out a letter yesterday outlining what this latest executive order means for all schools within the Diocese of Kalamazoo. If you did not receive that letter from the office of schools, please contact us so we can rectify the situation.

As we continue our journey together during this time of unknown and ever-changing mandates, we are grateful for your partnership and understanding. Our staff is very grateful that we are able to teach in person and will do everything to keep our students safe. Please continue praying for our world and an end to this pandemic.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact me.

In Christ's Peace,

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