



Catholic Schools of Hamilton County

COVID PLAN UPDATE - AUGUST 16, 2021

The Catholic schools of Hamilton County continue to collaborate on safety measures for the 2021-2022 school year. These were developed with recommendations from the Diocese, CDC, and Indiana State Dept of Health.

This document serves as a regional update from the Hamilton County Catholic Schools as of Monday, August 16th 2021. We urge our communities to stay vigilant. Here are some ways schools and families can partner to limit transmission.

- Students and parents should stay home if they are experiencing any [Covid-19 symptoms](#). If in doubt, please stay home.
- Reinforce handwashing, respecting personal space, and limit sharing of high touch objects.
- Consider if wearing a mask in school is in the best interest of your child and family.
- Cooperate with isolation and quarantine guidelines.
- Schools will continue to distance students and cohort groups in classrooms, to the extent feasible.
- Schools will continue to maintain a high level of cleaning and disinfection.
- Let's all continue to maintain a positive relationship. We are in this together!

FACE COVERINGS

- The Catholic schools of Hamilton County currently are not mandating face coverings but will continue to support any students, staff or visitors who wish to wear one.
- Face coverings and/or masks continue to be strongly recommended by the CDC and IDOH for Indiana residents regardless of vaccination status.
- Each Catholic school will continue to review the following criteria to determine the need to require masks in the future:
 - ❑ The school's COVID-19 positivity rate
 - ❑ The number of students being quarantined per day/week
 - ❑ Transmission rate within the school
 - ❑ The [ISDH Dashboard Color Coded Metrics](#):
 - Blue** - masks not mandated
 - Yellow** - masks not mandated unless school factors indicate need
 - Orange** - mask mandate possible if other school factors indicate need
 - Red** - mask mandate highly probable; other school factors will also be considered

Thank you for choosing Catholic education and partnering with us as we navigate Covid-19 mitigation strategies this academic year. The cornerstone of Catholic education is Christ Himself. Let us continue to pray as a community for a safe and healthy school year.