



Ascension Catholic School

September 27, 2021

Dear Parents,

We have another update to the COVID Policy implementation. Last week we sent out a Mask Break Policy. Now we are sharing a Mask Opt Out Policy. Please read the information below and return the form, if you are interested in participating in the Mask Opt Out Policy for your child. Now that we have the Mask Opt Out Policy in place, mask breaks will be discontinued.

At the start of the year, the Diocese of Orlando COVID protocol stated that masks would be optional during the school day once the positivity rate lowers. This mask opt out option is now in effect. With parent written permission, masks are now optional within school for students. At any time, this may be reversed, depending on current circumstances within the class or school. This change is only for masks and we will continue all other protocols, including quarantining. Mask requirements will go back into effect if the county positivity rate rises or if the school experiences an outbreak of cases.

- The mask opt out is for the entire day, including liturgies.
- All guests coming to the school will still need to wear masks.
- Masks will be optional at sporting events, but we will continue to operate at 75% capacity in the gymnasiums.
- The school assumes no responsibility for any consequences of the parental decision to opt out of their child wearing a mask.

If you would like to take advantage of this policy, please return this additional form. (Last week's form will not count as an opt out form.) With a signed form submitted to your child's Homeroom Teacher, this policy will begin tomorrow, Tuesday, 9/28, and will remain in effect until further notice. If a mask mandate is reinstated, parents will be notified and students will need to return to wearing masks.

I am exercising my option to have my child(ren) to **NOT** have to wear a mask while this option is in effect due to the low positivity rate.

Student Name _____

(One per child)

Parent's Name Printed: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____