

Department of Catholic Schools

## **MEMORANDIUM**

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TO: All Catholic Schools RE: Masks in our schools DATE: June 30, 2021

In accordance with the new interpretation from the Governor's Office regarding Executive Order 175, the Diocese of Trenton is stating the following as it pertains to the Catholic schools in the Diocese.

Masks on employed adults are optional. This includes teaching staffs, members of administration and non-contract employees. Masks on children are optional as well. If a parent deems a mask is significant to the safety of their respective child(ren) they are encouraged to have their child(ren) wear a mask within the school.

If a health situation, as determined by the local Health Department/Authorities, arises for which the wearing of a mask is deemed essential for the school population or its employees to safely and effectively be engaged within the school community, then the wearing of a mask will be reintroduced.