



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

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To: All pastors and administrators
From: Msgr. John J. McDermott, VG
Re: Facial Coverings/Masks
Date: August 7, 2020

In consideration of Governor Scott's August 1st order requiring facial coverings/masks for indoor public gatherings and outside gatherings, Bishop Coyne is directing all parishioners to wear facial coverings/masks when entering and leaving church buildings, including for the celebration of Holy Mass.

The Bishop directs all priests to share this protocol with their parishioners and at the same time offer encouragement to fight against "Covid fatigue." The Diocese must remain committed to taking steps to curb/eliminate the spread of Covid-19.

This directive will remain in effect until the Governor's order is modified or rescinded, or the Bishop updates our liturgical norms and protocols.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.