

**Heavenly Father, Your truth is the light showing us the way to live our lives. As parents, students, teachers and staff at St. Stephen School, please grant that we may follow Jesus in all we say and do. We ask this in His name. Amen**

August 27, 2021

Dear St. Stephen Parents and Families,

We have just received the following information from Wayne County Health Department and the Archdiocese of Detroit concerning the requirement of wearing masks in all schools in Wayne County. Please bear with us as we must follow the mask requirements. The process for students and school families will be similar to what occurred last year. All students, staff, and visitors to St. Stephen School will be required to wear masks.

The following is the message we received from the Archdiocese of Detroit. At the bottom is a link to the Wayne County Health Department mask requirement.

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Pastors and Principals

Today the Wayne County Health Division announced it is mandating universal masking while indoors at all PreK-12 schools and daycares in the county until further notice. This applies to all students and adults, including visitors, regardless of vaccination status. It also applies to athletes and spectators at indoor athletic events.

There are exceptions for children under four years old and individuals with documented medical exemptions.

Catholic schools in Wayne County are legally required to comply with this order. Therefore, AOD schools located in Wayne County will require masks indoors until further notice, in accordance with the emergency health order announced today. Schools outside Wayne County are not affected by this order.

This is in addition to the Oakland County emergency order announced Tuesday evening, also mandating universal indoor masking in schools.

<https://www.waynecounty.com/covid19/wayne-county-orders-schools-to-implement-mandatory.aspx>