



OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MEMORANDUM

September 10, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Despite the recent court decisions involving public school districts and the Governor related to mask mandates, our temporary requirement for masks for all persons in our Catholic schools will remain in effect through October 20, 2021. The temporary mask requirement will be reviewed prior to that date to determine if the temporary requirement may be lifted or extended. This protocol adopted by the Diocese of Palm Beach for its schools related to COVID-19 is the product of considered judgement and a function of religious autonomy in the administration of its private religious schools. All parents are expected to cooperate with the school administration on this and all school policies.

There have been some positive downward movements in the number of cases per 100,000 and the positivity rates. We will continue to monitor this data as well as the situation with hospitalizations and ICU availability.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we work together to mitigate the spread of the virus through our school communities.

Yours in Christ,

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