



Diocese of Charlotte Office of Catholic Schools

1123 South Church Street Charlotte, NC 28203

2/23/2022

TO: All Catholic School Families in the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS)

RE: COVID-19 Updates

Mecklenburg County Commissioners voted unanimously to lift the mask mandate that was required for all schools, public and private. As such, our schools will be mask optional beginning the morning of February 26, 2022.

In addition, we will adjust our protocols to follow the new recommendations from the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

- Effective immediately, individual **contact tracing** and exclusion from school of asymptomatic people after an identified exposure will no longer be required.
- Students and staff exposed to COVID-19 no longer need to **quarantine** at home before returning to school as long as they don't have symptoms and have not tested positive for COVID-19.

Any student or faculty member who tests positive for COVID should still follow CDC guidelines and isolate for five days and until symptoms have improved. As we have become more mindful about potential spread of any illness, please stay home when you are sick.

Working together we have continued to prioritize as normal a learning environment as possible without compromising the safety of our students and staff. Like you, we recognize that good health of course encompasses, yes, the body, but also the mind and spirit. We are grateful for your partnership that has allowed us to focus on the holistic development of our students. Together, we will continue moving faithfully forward into the Spring.

In Christ,

Dr. Gregory P. Monroe
Superintendent of Catholic Schools