



ST. MARK SCHOOL
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February 25, 2022

Dear Parents,

This letter is to provide you with the latest updates to our Covid-19 Health and Safety Plan. Because of the cooperation of our school community we have been able to maintain in person instruction and keep our students and staff safe over the last two years. As we move forward with the following changes, we thank you for your continued support of St. Mark students and staff.

As you are aware, on February 28, 2022, St. Mark School will transition to a mask optional policy. In accordance with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Catholic Education, we believe that it is an appropriate time to lift our mask mandate. While masks will be optional it is important to keep in mind there are situations in which individuals could be mandated to wear a mask in school. We hope that this is a turning point in these challenging times. Please take a moment to review the following updates carefully.

- Students and staff may continue to wear masks if they choose to do so. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia recommends that unvaccinated individuals and those with certain medical conditions continue to wear masks. Please be sure your child understands the change in masking policy and your expectations.
- Currently, masks are still required on bus transportation.
- Please continue to keep sick children at home.
- Positive Covid-19 cases in a household must continue to be reported to school administration to ensure proper protocols are being followed for the health and safety of our community.
- If a member of our school community tests positive, he/she must be isolated for five days. Return to school is appropriate on the sixth day if asymptomatic and fever free for at least 24 hours. He/she will be required to wear a mask for a further 5 days.
- If a family member is diagnosed with Covid-19 the student/staff quarantine is now five days followed by strict mask use for an additional five days in school.



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- If a member of our school community is exposed to Covid-19 he/she may return to school but masking will be required for a minimum of one week.
- If there are case surges within a homeroom or building there may be a need to return to the use of masks for a period of time.

We will continue to monitor and report Covid-19 cases, and remain grateful to our school families for working with us as partners in school safety.

God Bless,
Mrs. Maria Sanson
Principal