



April 13, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing jointly to provide a status update to all elementary, secondary, and special education families in the City of Philadelphia regarding COVID-19 mitigation procedures.

On Monday, April 11th, the City of Philadelphia's Department of Public Health moved the city into the "Mask Precautions" COVID-19 Response Level. At that time, it announced that masks will again be required indoors in public places beginning next Monday, April 18, 2022.

Due to this mandate imposed by the City, the wearing of face masks in Archdiocesan high schools as well as parish and regional elementary schools and schools of special education located in the City of Philadelphia will become mandatory after the resumption of classes on **Tuesday, April 19, 2022**.

All other COVID-19 protocols such as social distancing, increased ventilation, and enhanced cleaning will also remain in effect. We continue, in the strongest possible terms, to encourage all students and staff to obtain the COVID-19 vaccine and booster.

We remain grateful to our school families, school administrators, faculty, and staff for working with us as partners in school safety during some of the most challenging circumstances we have seen in generations. It is our hope that the City will rescind this requirement as soon as possible. We will communicate any updates to you as we have in the past.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones as we mark the conclusion of the Lenten season.

Sincerely,

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