



THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

February 4, 2022

Dear Catholic School Families,

Thank you for all of your perseverance with our Covid guidelines during this school year. The latest wave of the Omicron variant was unexpected, and we are grateful for your support of our efforts to ensure that our students remain safely in class 5-days a week. Your continued patience and your cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Now, as this most recent wave appears to be reaching an end, and with resulting guidance from the Ohio Department of Health, the Diocese of Columbus will be amending the Covid protocols for the schools within Franklin County.

- All schools will be permitted to implement recommended masking effective February 14. Individual schools will have the latitude to address unique mask policy circumstances at the local level.
- All of the regulations and policies of the Ohio Department of Health, Franklin County Public Health, and Columbus Public Health apply to the schools of the Diocese. These include the updated “Mask to Stay and Test to Play” protocol.
- Other protocols, such as attention to distancing, hand-washing, and enhanced sanitation will continue.
- Please continue to keep children home when they are ill.

We know that protocols have met with a variety of responses that have made it hard, if not impossible, to satisfy all viewpoints. Our goal since the beginning of the pandemic has been to keep our staff and students in school, healthy, and able to participate fully in the life of the school. When we gather as a community, our members have different needs that challenge us to balance, as best we can, for the common good as our faith teaches us. Showing kindness and compassion and taking care of one another are hallmarks of our Catholic faith communities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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