



To: *Parents and Guardians*
From: *Louis P. De Angelo, Ed.D.*
Superintendent of Schools
Re: *COVID Update*
Date: *December 30, 2021*

Christmas greetings and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and holy 2022! May these days of Christmas, which we continue to celebrate, lead us to live the gifts of Christmas – faith, hope, and love – throughout the new year.

The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention has issued new COVID guidelines regarding isolation and quarantine. The Diocese of Wilmington will adhere to these guidelines in parish and diocesan schools.

If You Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- *If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.*

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

If you:

Have been boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.
- *If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.*

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If you:

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted

OR

Are unvaccinated

- Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you can't quarantine, you must wear a mask for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.
- *If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.*

We continue to adhere to the mitigation strategies as recommended by medical and health professionals and in accord with teachings of the Church. We endorse vaccinations for children and adults over the age of five, mask wearing in schools, attentiveness to social distancing, and adherence to handwashing and sanitizing procedures. All of these mitigation strategies will lead to our goal of significantly reducing the transmission of COVID.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with diocesan protocols as together we seek to promote a safe and healthy environment for students and staff in our Catholic schools.

May 2022 be a year of blessings for all.