



# ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

*Office of the Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Catholic School Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to inform you of further revisions to the COVID-19 policy of the Archdiocese of Miami. As you may be aware, general COVID-related trends continue to improve in South Florida, and we have seen a significant decline in infection and exposure cases in our Catholic schools. In addition to local data, our revisions were informed by our independent team of medical consultants as well as the increasing prevalence of vaccinated school children and employees.

Please see the attached revised guidelines, which are in immediate effect. Most notably, you will read that the Archdiocese of Miami will now allow parents of unvaccinated students to opt out of wearing masks while indoors. Other COVID-related practices, such as social distancing, will still be required. To opt out of a mask, parents must complete a Parent Consent for Student Opt-Out Form and return it to the school (see the guidelines for further instructions).

Remember that masks continue to be required for all parents and visitors on our school campuses, including individuals attending athletic events, Christmas programs, etc. Likewise, please know that masks are required of all eighth grade students participating in the High School Placement Test (HSPT) this Saturday, December 4.

It is worth noting that, as always, our policy reflects the current status of the COVID pandemic. We are closely monitoring the spread of the Omicron Variant in other areas of the world. Should we see an uptick in local COVID cases, the Archdiocese reserves the right to reimplement COVID requirements, regardless of individual vaccination status.

Please continue to pray for an ultimate end to the COVID pandemic. Thank you for your partnership in Catholic education.

Yours in Christ,

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