



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Catholic School Parents and Guardians,

The Archdiocese of Miami continues to closely monitor the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout South Florida. Fortunately, local trends continue to improve. I am therefore pleased to provide you with the attached revisions to the Archdiocesan COVID-19 policy.

I encourage you to read this information carefully. You will note that, effective November 15, we will allow all students (regardless of grade) to opt out of wearing masks if they are fully vaccinated, and have submitted confirmation of vaccine status, or whose vaccinations status is confirmed by their school through the Florida SHOTS database. Other modifications to our policy can be found in the attached document.

I recognize that the policy of the Archdiocese may differ from policies in local public school districts and other educational institutions. As always, the Archdiocese is led by the best interests of the health and wellbeing of the students and employees in our Catholic schools. Our policy was constructed based upon our unique needs, in consultation with our team of independent medical experts. Each school system must make their own decision based upon the needs of their own population.

While current trends are improving, I once again encourage all eligible individuals to receive a vaccine. As you likely know, vaccines are now available for children as young as 5 years old. You can access a vaccine by speaking to your child's pediatrician or finding a local vaccination distribution site (such as a clinic or pharmacy).

Thank you again for your partnership and trust as we navigate this complex school year together. May God continue to bless our efforts on behalf of our unified ministry of Catholic education.

Yours in Christ,

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