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St. Mary Magdalen School COVID Protocol (February 2022)

St. Mary Magdalen School will be implementing an **OPTIONAL MASK** protocol for students in PreK through Grade 8, beginning Monday, **February 28, 2022** for those families that return the attached notification. The school will follow the guidelines and procedures developed by the Archdiocesan CSO committee, the AOP Catholic Schools Office at the recommendation of Archbishop Nelson Perez.

Please review and become familiar with the attached documents:

- ❖ Letter from Dr. Andrew McLaughlin, Superintendent
- ❖ Notification Regarding Mask Option (**Please return by February 23, 2022**)

Below are the specific guidelines and protocols that will be put into place at **St. Mary Magdalen School beginning February 28, 2022**:

- ❖ SMM strongly recommends the wearing of mask while in attendance at school.
- ❖ Your child(ren) may continue to wear a **MASK**. A surgical or N95 mask is highly recommended.
- ❖ Your child(ren) may participate in the **OPTIONAL MASK** protocol at your request. The Notification of Mask Option Form **MUST** be understood, signed, and returned to school in order for your child(ren) to be maskless.
- ❖ Every student **MUST** have a **MASK** with them at all times in the event it is deemed necessary by the administration and/or the school nurse to reinstate the mandate to wear a **MASK** based on the protocol. **Every student is to have a mask(s) in their school bag.**
 - Students that **travel to and from school on a school bus**, **MUST** wear a **MASK** while riding on the bus per the Federal Transportation Authorities.
 - As per the **DCIU/Early Childhood Intervention** protocol, students who receive services **MUST** wear a mask when in the presence of their service provider: School Counselor, Reading Support Teacher, School Psychologist, Speech Teacher, Occupational and Physical Therapist.
- ❖ St. Mary Magdalen will honor **OPTIONAL MASKING** only when the school/classroom is at the **MODERATE or LOW** levels as defined by the CDC metrics while in school.
 - **Moderate/Low** is when confirmed positive COVID cases are **LESS THAN 8%** of the school and/or class enrollment.

- ❖ St. Mary Magdalen has the right to mandate **MASKING** when the school and/or classroom is at the **HIGH** level as defined by the CDC metrics in school.
 - **High** is when confirmed positive COVID cases are **GREATER THAN 8%** of the school/class enrollment.

8% of St. Mary Magdalen's School Enrollment is 30 students. 8% of the average class size is 2 students. If the number of positive cases exceeds 8%, the school will reinstate the mask mandate in the school or in a classroom as cases dictate.

- ❖ **Positive Cases**

- Students with **confirmed cases of COVID** will need to quarantine at home for a minimum of 5 days. Can return if symptom free on day 6, with extra measures implemented, regardless of vaccination status.
 - Extra measures include masking for 5 additional days and 6ft. distancing when eating.
 - **Vaccinated siblings** who are asymptomatic, may remain in school, with the extra measures implemented. Test on day 5 and if negative, extra measure will be removed.
 - **Unvaccinated siblings** must quarantine at home for 5 days. They should test on day 5, and may return to in-person learning with a negative test result and the extra measures implemented.
 - Unvaccinated siblings who are not tested must quarantine at home for 10 days.
 - Proof of testing must be submitted to the school nurse. We are currently accepting PCR, Rapid Test and Home Test. Please label with student name and date of test.
- ❖ Students **MUST** respect the circumstances under which the parent chooses to have their child(ren) **MASKED or UNMASKED**. Teasing or inappropriate actions will not be tolerated.
 - ❖ If deemed necessary that a **MASK** mandate is reinstated, every parent and student must understand and cooperate with the decision and regulations. Students who fail to cooperate will be subject to disciplinary consequences and parents will be notified.
 - ❖ **Virtual Learning**
 - Only those students with confirmed positive cases of COVID who feel well-enough and their siblings who must quarantine will be entitled to participate in Virtual Learning, 24 hours after notification to the school.

❖ **Contact with Mrs. Bonsall RN**

- Please continue to stay in contact with Mrs. Tara Bonsall with any questions and concerns.
- If your child has been in close contact with a positive case of COVID outside the school, please contact Mrs. Bonsall before sending your child to school.

The Notification of Mask Option will be placed on the school website in the event you decide to change your original request from masked to mask optional or from mask optional back to masking. We ask you to please use the notification form when informing us of that decision.