

A letter from the Holy Family Medical Advisory Task Force



Dear Holy Family Community,

Holy Family Catholic Schools has identified community safety and bringing kids back to campus as its top priorities in return to learn planning. As the Holy Family Medical Advisory Task Force, it is our objective to provide guidance that will support decisions to re-open and keep schools open as long as it is safe to do so.

The recommendations are clear: face coverings are a critical component of a COVID-19 prevention program, especially in circumstances when physically distancing is difficult – such as in schools. Because this illness is readily spread via respiratory droplets, masking, physical distancing, frequent hand washing, and disinfecting surfaces are the best measures for keeping our schools as safe as possible. As healthcare professionals, we strongly advise the Holy Family community to adopt a culture of prevention by universally wearing masks.

Please know, we have discussed these matters thoroughly, and we understand the fears and concerns you may have about how different this school year will be. Your feelings are legitimate. The truth is, things are different this year, and we believe the precautions we are recommending will help to keep our students and staff safe and support Holy Family's ability to keep our campuses open.

As a Catholic community, let us embrace this as a respect life issue. We must each be willing to accept responsibility for the protection of one another out of care for the sanctity of every human life.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our schools and community healthy.

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