

**Diocese of Corpus Christi
Office of Catholic Schools**

Office of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools

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Dear Catholic School Families,

Thank you for your continued partnership and participation in our mitigation efforts to reduce in-school transmission of COVID-19. The health and safety of the children/youth, entrusted to our care, and the safety of our staff and school leaders are paramount.

Data from the first nine days of schools presents **40** reported cases of COVID-19 among students and staff. This data represents our **13** Catholic schools, with well over **100** buildings, **2,100 students** and **400** faculty/staff members.

Multiple regions in the Diocese of Corpus Christi are currently experiencing escalating rates of transmission. Subsequently, our Catholic schools will continue to require all students, school staff, and visitors to wear a mask or face covering while inside school buildings, regardless of vaccination status. Other measures remain in effect including social distancing, symptom screening, hand hygiene, disinfecting high touch surfaces, limiting school visitors, and compliance with the exclusion and readmission criteria for COVID-19. These important health and safety protocols contribute to our ongoing commitment for a safe and in-person learning environment for students and staff.

Please review the [COVID-19 MITIGATION GUIDELINES \(Updated 08.24.21\)](#) for all Catholic schools in our diocese. We hope this document is helpful to you. Pope Francis reminds us that, **“Catholic education gives soul to our world.”** Please join me in prayer that our children/students will continue to flourish and be formed in mind, body and spirit and come to know, love and serve God. LET THEM SHINE!

Sincerely Yours in Catholic Education,

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