



ST. THERESE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Updated COVID Mask Policy - Effective March 14, 2022

Last week we asked all shareholders to provide feedback through a survey. We had 47 responses from staff and families and the results leaned toward moving cautiously with our mask removal. With the information provided from you all, as well as consultation from other community partners, we have decided the following masking plan to continue to be mindful of our complex community. Our current plan is outlined here, and is subject to change as we see how our school community, and neighboring communities, fare over the next few weeks. In addition to easing up on mask restrictions, we are also hoping to transition to school-wide gatherings for our weekly liturgies and indoor assemblies.

Starting Monday, March 14th -

- **Masks optional OUTSIDE**
 - Students will be able to attend morning and afternoon assembly without their mask on if they choose. However, please still send your child with a mask as Mr. Nelson will give the announcement at the end of assembly for all masks to go on before entering the building.
 - Students will be able to go to recess without a mask if they choose.
- **Masks required INDOOR for all**
 - We are going to keep masks indoors for the rest of the month.
 - Students will need to continue to bring masks to school, extra masks will still be available for those who need them.

Starting April 4th -

- **Masks optional INDOOR and OUTDOOR**
 - Families will have the option to wear or not to wear masks to school. Students, children, and staff will have the choice to wear a mask at school, **with the expectation that others' choices will be respected.**
 - We will reserve the right to require masks in certain circumstances, including, but not limited to:
 - Liturgy gatherings
 - Indoor assemblies (Generally when raining)
 - When attending ART and LIBRARY specialist classes
 - Days 6-10 when a student, child, or staff returns from isolation after 5 day quarantine from exposure or positive test.
 - During clusters and/or outbreaks in classrooms or with groups of students
 - Students will need to continue to bring masks to school for these situations, extra masks will continue to be available for those who need them.

Week of April 25-29

- **Masks required INDOOR, optional outdoor**
 - We have seen that the week following a vacation tends to be a period of higher risk than other weeks. Thus after spring break, we will require masks indoors for that following week.

May 2 to the end of the year - Masks optional INDOOR and OUTDOOR

If all goes well with the plan above, we can expect to end our year with masks being optional as described above.