



## Diocese of Greensburg

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that this letter finds you well and your children settled into a happy school routine. I am always amazed at how quickly the year progresses once the children return to school. Our Catholic schools have begun, and it will soon be time for our Faith Formation students to return! Therefore, this announcement is very timely.

Today, Governor Tom Wolf announced that the Pennsylvania Department of Health has mandated the wearing of masks in schools. The order is stated as follows:

*Each teacher, child/student, staff, or visitor working, attending, or visiting a School Entity shall wear a face covering indoors, regardless of vaccination status.*

This will apply to our Catholic school students, our Faith Formation students, and our youth ministry programs regardless of gathering site.

The order includes an exemption from the wearing of masks for any student or employee who is unable to wear a mask for medical reasons. Should that be the case with your child, please contact the principal of the Catholic school that your child attends, or the Director of Religious Education or Youth Ministry for the Faith Formation or youth ministry program that your child attends. The order does allow for the wearing of a plastic face shield should the child be medically exempt from wearing a mask.

Although the mandate is due to begin on Tuesday, September 7, we will initiate this policy immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to another year of helping your children and family share and grow in our Catholic faith.

May God bless you, always,

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