



Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Birmingham



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An update from the Catholic Schools Office

Superintendent's Message

Dear Families of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham Schools,

We have had a successful start to our school year. To date, a cumulative total of 61 positive cases have been reported to me by our schools. 55 of these are students and 6 have been in staff. Comparatively, this data shows that our multi-layered approach, including required masking, shows far better outcomes than schools that have been more lax on protective measures.

The schools in our diocese have different start dates with some starting as early as August 4 and the latest start falling on August 12. Now that we have all been consistently in session for several weeks, we will begin posting weekly case counts on our Catholic Schools Office webpage: bhm Catholicschools.com

Masks will continue to be required in our schools and early learning centers for students age 3 and up and for all staff. Our next checkpoint date for re-evaluation will be October 5 unless conditions were to improve sooner than that. The criterion for this decision is stated on page 10 of our Guidelines for a Safe Year, which can also be found on our website.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and for your prayers as we make decisions to ensure safety and protect in-person learning for those in our schools.

Margaret Dubose
Superintendent of Schools