



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,

With Covid conditions continually improving across central and northern Alabama, our Diocese of Birmingham Catholic Schools will transition to Tier II for mask wearing beginning Monday, November 8.

In Tier II, masks will be recommended but not required in classrooms, during activities involving a single class or during any outdoor activities. Masks will continue to be required for indoor multi-class events and activities, such as at Mass and during assemblies.

Students deemed to be close contacts of positive cases (those within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) will be quarantined as needed using the strategies outlined in our guidelines. The need for the continuation of this practice will be evaluated over the next 3 weeks as we monitor our diocesan data following the change in masking protocol.

We will continue to monitor conditions, particularly as we enter the holiday season, and changes to any of these protocols could be made at an individual school or across the Diocese, as needed. Our hope is that the results over the next few weeks will support our safely moving to Tier I in the near future.

Weekly and cumulative case counts can continue to be found on our website, bhmcatholicsschools.com, under the School Safety Resources tab.

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