

Wearing Face Covering/Masks after Vaccinations in the Work Setting

While the CDC has issued guidance that permits vaccinated individuals to choose not to wear a mask when meeting with other vaccinated individuals, this guidance **does not** apply in the work setting. The Archdiocese considers all activities within the parish setting, to be within a “work setting.”

The CDC guidance specifically gives permission to remove the mask when around another vaccinated individual when in a household setting. The guidance currently notes people should only remove the mask if the gathering is limited to members of no more than one other household and if all present are vaccinated.

Since the CDC guidance pertains specifically to the household setting as opposed to the work setting, the Archdiocese **is requiring all individuals to continue to be masked regardless of vaccination status** when in an work setting. When alone or in an isolated area, a face covering/mask is not required.