



ARCHDIOCESE
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WEEKLY COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Masking Policy Reminder - With changes in masking policy in some of the counties that reside within the Archdiocese over the previous week, please see this reminder:

1. Given that Archdiocesan Catholic schools have moved to parental choice or mask-optional within its buildings, individuals attending parish activities that take place in a school's building, are no longer required to mask. This is only allowed if the jurisdiction does not have a mask mandate in place. Presently, Baltimore City is the only jurisdiction with an across-the-board mask mandate in place.
2. For parish activities (such as faith formation) that occur in parish buildings, as long as there is no jurisdiction mask mandate in place, masking is optional.
3. Parishes (if they thought helpful) could adopt the masking policy of their local municipal school district when it comes to parish activities involving school age children. This could offer consistency with your jurisdiction. This is just a consideration, not a requirement.

All of this guidance is to be followed at the discretion of the pastor and should be communicated clearly to your community.

Coping During COVID: Strategies on Managing Stress for Faith and Community Organizations, Emergency Managers and First Responders – FEMA offers this recorded webinar for faith-based and community organizations. There is some valuable information here and no registration is needed. WATCH HERE: [Webinar: Coping during COVID, Strategies on Managing Stress - YouTube](#)

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