

As of Monday, February 28, St. Elizabeth School will transition from universal masking to a mask optional policy.

Masks are highly recommended for all students and staff, especially when indoors, and for people who are vulnerable, at high risk, or unvaccinated.

Please talk to your children about these changes in protocols and what choice your family has made regarding masking. The expectation is that everyone will be respectful of each other's choices.

There will be times when masks will still be required therefore every student PS-8th grade should bring at least 2 clean masks with them each day.

Please choose well fitting masks that will provide optimal protection.

Masks will be required in the following situations:

- Whenever groups are praying, working or playing indoors and social distancing (a minimum of 3 feet) cannot be maintained, for example during school masses, assemblies, music class and PE class indoors
- At Before Care and After Care
- While performing safety patrol duties

Guidelines for returning to masks:

-If more than 7% of students (28 or more) are absent due to positive Covid results, the school will return to masking for all students and staff for at least 5 days -If there are 4 or more Covid positive cases in a grade, that grade will return to masking for at least 5 days.

Guidelines for quarantine and isolation:

- · Students should stay home if they are not feeling well.
- It is critical that families report all positive Covid cases and close contacts to the school nurses.
- Students who test positive for Covid 19 will isolate out of school for 5 days and wear a mask at school for 10 days.
- Vaccinated students who have been exposed to a person positive for Covid 19 will not need to quarantine, but will be required to wear a mask for 10 days.
- Unvaccinated students who have been exposed to a person positive for Covid 19 will quarantine for 5 days and will be required to wear a mask for 5 days.
- Siblings, and anyone else who had prolonged exposure to a person positive for Covid 19 will be considered close contacts.



