



*Guidance for PARENTS ..... Revised March 14, 2022*

PARENT INFORMATION ON THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

*This statement is an update to the Archdiocese of Miami (ADOM) COVID PROTOCOL and addresses mask usage, quarantine following travel, quarantine following close contact and isolation when symptomatic or diagnosed with COVID.*

**In light of the significant reduction in number of COVID cases per 100,000 population in the local community, masks are now optional for all Students, faculty and staff regardless of vaccination status with the exception of students or adults who are:**

- **within the 10-day period following a close contact; or**
- **within the 10-day period following a positive COVID diagnosis.**

The CDC recommends mask usage such as with a well-fitting KN94 mask for those who may be immunocompromised or prefer the additional protection. Some parents may recognize that it is beneficial for their child to use a mask indoors and the parental decision is to be supported by the staff of the school or parish. Social distancing is encouraged where possible and will reduce the number of students affected by quarantine restrictions when an infection does become present in the classroom.

**Masks are still required indoors of all visitors and guests, including at indoor athletic events.** Masks are also required of all students (regardless of vaccination status) on buses and while indoors on off-site field trips.

It is expected that masks will be required of parents and family members at indoor end-of-year events (such as graduations). Each school will release more detailed protocols for such gatherings closer to the time of the event.

**SUMMARY OF TRAVEL QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS**

International travel	VACCINATED: No quarantine needed, PCR test day 4-5
Travel anywhere in USA	VACCINATED: No quarantine or testing needed
International travel	UNVACCINATED: 5-day quarantine required, PCR on day 4-5
Travel anywhere in USA	UNVACCINATED: No quarantine or testing needed
Persons within 90 days of recovery from a COVID infection do not need to quarantine following return from international travel. However, they should monitor for symptoms and if symptomatic, isolate according to ADOM protocol for one who tests positive.	



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#### **SUMMARY OF QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS**

Close contact in the classroom with a student determined to be positive requires quarantine of any student who sits within 3' of the infected student, and quarantine of any student who sits between 3' and 6' of the infected child if the exposed student and the infected student are not both consistently wearing a mask, for longer than 15 minutes within 48 hours prior to onset of symptoms or diagnosis positive of the infected student.

If a student experiences a close contact, that student must quarantine for 5 days with PCR testing on day 4-5, returning to class on day 6 if the PCR result is negative. A mask must be worn through day 10 even if the PCR is negative. A positive result requires isolation.

If the student is fully vaccinated, he/she does not need to quarantine but must wear a mask for 10 days following the exposure and get PCR tested on day 4 or 5.

If the student has had COVID within 90 days prior to the close contact the student does not need to quarantine but must wear a mask for 10 days following the exposure. No testing is required. If the student develops symptoms, get tested and isolate.

#### **SUMMARY OF ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS**

If symptomatic, the student must isolate and get tested, remaining isolated until negative test results are received. If asymptomatic but believed to have been exposed in a close contact, the student must test and remain isolated until a negative PCR result is received.

A positive COVID diagnosis, whether the student is symptomatic or asymptomatic, requires isolation for a minimum of 5 full days. A mask must be worn when present with anyone in the home. Isolation can conclude if the infected student is without symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication. Even when the student ends isolation and returns to school, a mask must be worn for the full ten days from the onset of symptoms or the date of positive testing whichever came first.

*While the Archdiocese of Miami is grateful that the threat of COVID in the community has diminished, an improvement that appears to be sustained, the Archdiocese will continue to monitor community statistics related to transmission and, with the guidance of public health professionals and our medical advisors, adjust its protocol for schools and parishes accordingly.*

Based on amended *ADOM Policy – COVID Mitigation Protocol*, March 14, 2022