

MESSAGE for elementary school parents – A SUMMARY OF ADOM COVID POLICY

Dear Parents:

Much of the discussions around vaccinations and whether to wear or not wear a facial mask has unfortunately been politicized. However, after much research, including sources such as the American Academy of Pediatrics and the CDC (Center for Disease Control) the Archdiocese of Miami is focused on mitigating as much as possible risks of infection in our churches and schools and has put in place the following policies which will be reviewed weekly and updated when indicated. Vaccinations, masks, social distancing, etc., of course, are not 100% effective but not to attempt to mitigate risks to parishioners and school families would be a failure of pastoral oversight on my part.

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- The ADOM COVID protocol is modeled on CDC guidance and will be revised as needed consistent with any additional guidance from the CDC or FL Department of Health.
- Anyone who is sick should remain at home until symptoms resolve. Please contact the school. Anyone who has been tested for COVID and awaits results, should remain at home. Please contact the school.
- Any exposure to persons with COVID should be reported to the school; student should remain at home until school determines if there is a need for quarantine.
- Any student with a positive diagnosis of COVID should isolate at home and contact the school; the school determine when return to school is safe.
- **MASK REQUIREMENTS:**
Masks are optional outdoors, for anyone, regardless of vaccination status; maintain social distance.

Masks are optional indoors for persons fully vaccinated who have provided documentation of the vaccination to the school; maintain social distance of at least 3’.

Masks are required for those not vaccinated age 2 or older except outdoors, when eating or during sports or other vigorous activity.

Schools are encouraged to provide regular outdoor “mask breaks” for students (particularly at the younger levels) in addition to scheduled recess periods.

- **TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS** --- outside Archdiocese of Miami but **WITHIN USA**
If fully vaccinated, no quarantine requirements.
If not fully vaccinated, quarantine following US travel is required and is the 7-day + PCR protocol or the 10-day protocol without any testing.

- **TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS --- INTERNATIONAL**
If fully vaccinated, no quarantine required – but PCR testing within 3-5 days of return to US with test results reported to school
If not fully vaccinated, mandated quarantine upon return; use 7-day + PCR testing protocol or the 10-day protocol without any testing.

- **QUARANTINE PROTOCOL WHEN QUARANTINE IS NECESSARY:**

<p>ADOM PREFERRED:</p>	<p>QUARANTINE 7 DAYS + PCR and caution until 14th day 6 full days of quarantine - then Testing no sooner than day 6 or later, PCR test required quarantine continued until NEGATIVE results received quarantine must include at least 7 full days present negative results to supervisor/school return to normal life after negative results and completion of 7 full days of quarantine EXTRA caution for 7 more days/monitor symptoms for full 14 days' incubation period</p>
<p>IF ELECTING NOT TO TEST:</p>	<p>QUARANTINE 10 DAYS and caution until 14th day 10 full days of quarantine NO testing Return to normal life after 10 full days of quarantine if NO symptoms have begun EXTRA caution for 4 more days/monitor symptoms for full 14 days' incubation period</p>

- **ISOLATION WHEN A POSITIVE DIAGNOSIS IS RECEIVED:**
If asymptomatic: a minimum of 10 days' isolation; NO TESTING NEEDED TO RETURN
If symptomatic: a minimum of 10 days' isolation and return only after symptoms are resolved. NO TESTING NEEDED TO RETURN.
- **PARTICIPATION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS**
To participate indoors in elementary school athletics, masks are optional for fully vaccinated students 12 years or older who provide documentation to the school. Masks are required indoors for unvaccinated students 2 years old or older except when engaged in rigorous physical activity. Social distance should be maintained whenever possible.
- **IF FULLY VACCINATED AND DOCUMENTATION IS PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL:**
Masks are not required outdoors; masks are not required indoors for the fully vaccinated. No quarantine needed following international travel, however testing is required.
No quarantine or testing needed following travel in USA.
No quarantine needed if close contact to someone who is contagious but should be tested 3-5 days after the exposure AND a mask worn for up to 14 days or until a negative test result is received. However, if symptomatic, then isolation of a minimum of 10 days is needed.
- **IF THE STUDENT HAD POSITIVE COVID DIAGNOSIS WITHIN PRIOR 90 DAYS**
Natural immunity following recovery can be documented with positive test results
If documented, no quarantine needed following travel with US within the 90-day period.
If documented, no quarantine needed following close contact to someone who is contagious. However, if symptomatic, then isolation is needed.