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Catholic School Families,

On February 7th, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated their Guidance for the Use of Face Masks for the state of California. The updated Guidance for the Use of Face Masks becomes effective on February 16th. Although the updated mask guidelines change the way some organizations will continue to operate, it does not change the current mask guidelines for public and private K-12 schools.

CDPH statement for those organization whose mask guidance do not change with the updated Guidance for the Use of Face Masks:

Masking Requirements

Masks are required for all individuals in the following indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status. Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended.

- On public transit and in transportation hubs.
- Indoors in K-12 schools and childcare.
- Emergency shelters and cooling and heating centers.
- Healthcare settings.
- State and local correctional facilities and detention centers.
- Homeless shelters.
- Long Term Care Settings & Adult and Senior Care Facilities.

Therefore, all schools in the Diocese of San Bernardino will continue with their current mask policies. As we are updated by CDPH, San Bernardino and Riverside Department of Public Health, and guidance is reviewed, we will update families of any changes that affect our schools.

As communities of faith, we center ourselves in Christ as we face the collective challenges before us. We continue to ask staff, students and families to continue practicing health and safety measures to ensure each other's wellbeing.

Blessings,

Maribel Arguelles-Ortiz
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