



Revisions to Mask Policy at Regina Coeli

Sept. 3, 2021

Dear Parents,

As stated in the newsletter, there will be some changes to our mask guidelines in response to rising cases and large numbers of students being required to quarantine. This decision has not been easy on any school or district, and we at Regina Coeli are very aware that many of you have strong opinions one way or another. Father Mahas and I have discussed this issue several times, and we agree that some adjustments to our policy need to be made.

We are not currently making masks fully mandatory, however, effective Sept. 7, 2021 the following changes will be implemented:

1. All students must have a mask available at all times. Students are encouraged to wear their masks throughout the day.
2. Students who arrive early for morning care must wear a mask due to the fact that this large group crosses several grade levels.
3. Masks will be worn when students are one on one with teachers or tutors
4. Masks will be worn in large group settings when a minimum of 3 feet cannot be maintained between students.
5. Teachers may ask students to put masks on if they feel conditions warrant this decision.
6. At this point, masks **will not** be worn outdoors or at gym
7. We request that visitors to our building wear a mask as well.
8. These mask rules also apply to our teachers and staff

We take our responsibility to your children very seriously. These changes have been made primarily with the goal of keeping students in school. For those of you who are not aware, Health Department policy says the following: **If all students are masked and distanced, no one needs to quarantine, however, if no one is wearing a mask, then exposed students will need to quarantine.** We continue to strongly recommend your students wear masks in order to avoid the need to quarantine. Our number one goal is to keep to a minimum, the number of students who need to be quarantined. The best place for your student to learn is at school. That is the number one lesson learned from this pandemic.

We are trying very hard to respect the personal decisions of each family while still protecting our students. Right now, we feel this is the best decision. If the situation continues to evolve we will re-evaluate our decision.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

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