

Dear Parents,

We have shared with you our policies and expectations for returning to school during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the [Student COVID-19 Policy Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk Form](#) that must be signed and submitted by August 24, prior to your student returning to school.

One piece of our health and safety expectations is for students to wear masks at appropriate times, including while indoors at school and while riding the school bus. As I know many of you are already aware, the State of Ohio has recently mandated that masks be worn by students in grades K-12 while in any indoor location on the school campus and while riding the school bus, as well as when outdoors on school property where a distance of six feet or more cannot be maintained, unless certain exemptions are met. For example, there are exemptions for certain individuals with medical conditions, an exemption for students when eating or drinking, and an exemption when playing at recess under certain conditions.

The State of Ohio's order is attached to this letter. As long as that order remains in effect, our school policy will be to comply with the order. Please read it carefully and discuss it with your children. If and when the order is no longer a mandate, we will communicate our expectations regarding face coverings at that time.

If you believe that your child meets the "medical condition" or "religious requirement" exception listed in the State of Ohio's mask order, please contact me as soon as possible and before your child comes to school to discuss it. If an individual meets one of these exceptions to the K-12 face covering requirement listed in the order, a face shield may be an option. In those instances, a face shield should originate at the forehead with no gap, wrap around the sides of the face, and extend below the chin. When unable to use a mask, increased attention to other measures such as social distancing is imperative.

Please complete the [Student COVID-19 Policy Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk Form](#) and email it to forms@st-hilary.org, prior to August 24. Please be sure to email your completed, signed form only to this email address so it can be recorded properly.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and for your continued support of our school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Woodman
Principal