

July 27, 2022

**Dear School Leaders:** 

As we begin another school year in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I want to share information with you about our recommended COVID-19 Health Guidelines. I have consulted with our local health department and archdiocesan leadership in developing these protocols.

The details are included on the attached document, but in summary:

- At this time, masks are not required.
- Jefferson County schools must continue to report positive cases to the local Health Department using the Red Cap System.
- Anyone who tests positive must isolate for five days and should wear a mask for another five days when they return.
- Those who are exposed to a positive case should quarantine if they have symptoms.

These guidelines are in place in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Because circumstances may be different at an individual school or in an individual classroom, additional mitigation strategies may be implemented at the local school level if necessary.

Please feel free to share this information with your school community. I will send you additional information in the coming days that will assist you in managing cases at the school level.

Please know of my prayers for all of you as we prepare to begin another wonderful school year. Please keep our families and students in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Beth Bowling Dr. Mary Beth Bowling

**Superintendent of Schools**