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## **OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

The Diocese follows public health guidance for communicable diseases. The CDC and the State of Florida have relaxed their specific COVID 19 guidelines to the point that it is treated as any other communicable disease. We cannot mandate testing or masks, per the State of Florida. However, as with any communicable disease, we do mandate that if an student is feeling ill, the parent must contact administration immediately, stay home, seek medical care, and submit a note from the doctor stating the date that the student can return to school.

We have a responsibility to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. This is not limited to COVID 19. Some examples of other common communicable diseases are Chickenpox/Shingles, Hepatitis, Influenza (the flu), Mersa, Mumps, Pink Eye, West Nile Virus, Bronchitis, etc. Similar guidelines as those stated above would apply for those diseases, in accordance with existing policies. Good judgement skills by all parents are critical in safeguarding the health of students, staff, and others.

The stated guidelines may change. These are general guidelines and may reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

For further questions regarding COVID protocols, you can reach out to the Diocese, Ana Jarosz, [anaj@diocesepb.org](mailto:anaj@diocesepb.org) or 561-77-9525.