

## Mask Clarification

“Use of cloth face coverings can reduce the spread of respiratory droplets that, in infected people, carry and spread COVID-19,”

[\(COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance of Ohio K-12 Schools\)](#)

- All faculty and staff members will wear face coverings while in the building and interacting with students.
- All parents/guardians/visitors must wear a face covering while inside Saint Rose Catholic School.
- Face coverings are optional for preschool students.
- Students in grades K-8 will be asked to wear face coverings throughout the day with breaks provided by their teachers when they are seated in their classroom and no one is moving around or in situations that allow for social distancing.
- Per Governor DeWine’s order, face shields cannot be used in place of cloth face masks
- Exceptions to the face covering policy may be made with consideration for medical reasons and age and to accommodate eating and drinking; outdoor and physical activities, including P.E.; and instructional time when social distancing can be maintained and additional preventative measures are in place.
- Students and faculty/staff do not have to wear face coverings if they present a note from a doctor excusing them from wearing a mask.
- Any decoration on the face coverings should be appropriate for a Catholic elementary school, avoiding mature or violent images. Political statements should also be avoided.
- This policy is subject to change to accommodate local and state guidelines.