



St. Monica Face Mask Style Guide 2020-2021

St. Monica students are beautiful representatives of our Catholic school and church. Just as the school uniform should be worn appropriately in our community, students' face masks should be representative of our Catholic Christian beliefs of modesty and appropriateness. While on campus, students will be wearing masks in the classroom and in the church, while studying or in prayer

Masks are to be worn by students and staff while on St. Monica school campus. As the use of face shields has not been extensively studied, the CDC does not recommend them at this point. As soon as they are approved as an alternative to masks, we communicate that to our community.

As per Dr. Vereecke's July 21st letter to all parents in the Diocesan schools, all individuals must wear a mask when on campus. Exceptions to this policy will not be granted, as such, medical exemptions will not be accepted. All students who are unable or unwilling to wear a mask will be advised to transfer to off-campus learning.

The following guidelines will help to clarify the students' face masks's appropriate design and style.

Mask Design

- Protective face masks should cover the nose and mouth.
- Home-made or purchased masks should be made of 2 ply breathable cotton
- Disposable masks are also permitted.
- Masks should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face.
- Masks should be secured with ties or ear loops
- **Gaiter style face coverings are not permitted**
- Masks with ventilation valves are not permitted
- Home-made or purchased masks are acceptable

Mask Style

- Face Masks with SMS logos will be available to purchase through the Spirit Store.
- Masks should be free of inappropriate wording, logos or advertising
- Masks style can be colorful yet should refrain from distracting other students in the school setting