

Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

Office of Catholic Schools

10/6/20

Dear Catholic School Community,

I appreciate your patience as we all work together to educate your child in an environment that is continuing to see changes in policy, law, and/or orders that have a significant impact on your child and our school faculty and staff across the Diocese. Based on the events of the last few days, I expect that we will continue to see action from state and local health departments as well as from the legislative and executive branches of our state government.

On Monday, October 5, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an [emergency order](#) that reestablished many of the mask requirements and limits on gatherings that were in place under various executive orders recently deemed unconstitutional. Relevant portions of the order for regions within the Diocese of Saginaw can be found below. The order is in effect until October 30, 2020.

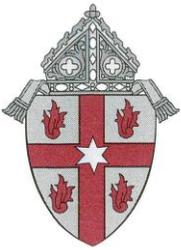
I will continue to work diligently with our principals to keep our communities updated as we move forward.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cormac J. Lynn".

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Key aspects of [emergency order](#) issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on October 5, 2020, as it relates to the operation of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Saginaw.

Face Coverings

- Businesses, government offices, **schools**, and other operations must not allow indoor gatherings of any kind unless they require individuals to wear a face covering (Exceptions include individuals that are younger than 5)
- Athletes wear a face covering (except when swimming) or consistently maintain six feet of social distance (except for occasional and fleeting moments) when training for, practicing for, or competing in an organized sport

Indoor gatherings:

- Maximum of 500 people
- In venues with fixed seating, limit attendance to 20% of seating capacity of the venue
- In venues without fixed seating, limit attendance to 20 persons per 1,000 square feet in each occupied room
- Require that each person gathered wears a face covering.

Outdoor gatherings at a non-residential venue:

- Maximum of 1,000 people
- In venues with fixed seating, limit attendance to 30% of seating capacity
- In venues without fixed seating, limit attendance to 30 persons per 1,000 square feet, including within any distinct area within the event space
- Require that each person gathered wear a face covering

Athletics:

- For organized sports competitions, sports organizers must ensure either that the live audience is limited to the guests of the athletes, with each athlete designating up to two guests, or that the event complies with gathering requirements of section 1(c) in this order.

Specific questions can be directed to building principals or the superintendent.

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