



October 22, 2021

Dear K-8 Families:

This communication is to inform you that our mask policy has been amended and extended until January 14, 2022.

The main reason for extending this policy is that a large majority of our students are not yet eligible to be vaccinated – but will be very soon.

Please read the attachment below for updated information, including the ability to inform the school of a mask exemption.

Keep in mind, we are required to follow Florida State law and Department of Education requirements. Trinity's Mask policy (linked below) has been amended to stay current with State of Florida laws and DOE requirements.

Thank you,  
Trinity Administration & Clinical Staff



# COVID-19 Student Mask Policy Update

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## I. Student Mask Policy

- a. Trinity students are required to wear a mask - while indoors - with the following exemptions:
  - i. A medical exemption
  - ii. A religious exemption
  - iii. A Family exemption – Parent Choice
- b. Process for Exemptions
  - i. Note: If you have already submitted an exemption, you do not need to submit anything (again). Your exemption is still valid and will be continued.
  - ii. If your student meets the above criteria, please email the school at: [tsfccovid19@trinitysfc.com](mailto:tsfccovid19@trinitysfc.com) with the following information:
    1. Student Name
    2. Student Grade
    3. Student Homeroom Teacher
    4. Parent or Legal Guardian – Full Name
    5. Medical Exemption
    6. Religious Exemption
    7. Family Exemption
- c. Students will not be required to wear a mask outside
- d. On a day-to-day basis you can expect the school to:
  - i. Focus on teaching, learning and joyful student experiences
    1. Mask-wearing & COVID-19 will not be the dominant narrative in our hallways and with our communication to students
  - ii. We will continue to remind students to wear their masks correctly
  - iii. If a student forgets to bring a mask to school (and we have not received correspondence from you stating an exemption) a mask will be provided
  - iv. Any discussions about mask-wearing will be done in the spirit of the Trinity Truths and handled with respect
    1. Students who have logged mask exemptions will be noted by all Trinity staff (so as not to remind them on a day-to-day basis)

- e. This policy will continue until January 14<sup>th</sup>
  - i. At such time, this policy will be either: continued, augmented or suspended
  - ii. Note: Trinity School for Children must comply with State Law. If State law changes, we must adapt to those changes and update our policies

## **II. Communication Expectations**

- a. Our goal continues to be focused on the successful education of our students
- b. With that in mind, we do not expect to have further correspondence about mask wearing at Trinity until this policy is reviewed again in January of 2022

## **III. Contact Tracing & Quarantining**

- a. Reminder
  - i. The Surgeon General of the State of Florida – Emergency Order
    - 1. If a student is identified as a close-contact to a COVID-19 individual and is asymptomatic:
      - a. It is the parents right to chose whether their child quarantines at home or attends school
        - i. As long as the student remains symptom free
    - 2. <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/64DER21-15.pdf>

## **IV. Vaccinations – Related to Students & Masks & Quarantining**

- a. If your student is fully vaccinated:
  - i. Wearing a mask is required – for now – (unless an exemption is documented)
  - ii. We are extremely hopeful that in the near future, recommendations will change and those who are fully vaccinated will not have to wear a mask
  - iii. Vaccinations and Quarantining
    - 1. If your student is fully vaccinated and is non-symptomatic, they are not required to quarantine

## **V. Next Steps**

- a. Please talk to your student about the updated policy