



MALDEN CATHOLIC

The Codivisional High School

COVID-19 Update

September 10, 2021

Dear Families,

I want to thank you for your outstanding support this past week. Beginning a school year requires parents to make sure their child has all the needed materials and support them as they adapt to new classes and new routines. Navigating the start of the school year traffic is no easy task as well. On behalf of our entire faculty and staff, we appreciate all you did this week to make the start of our school as successful as possible.

Another critical area of support is regarding our COVID-19 protocols. Our families excelled in ensuring we could test every student before the school year and meet all of our requirements to maintain our Culture of Health and Safety. Our goal is to enable each student to continue with in-person learning. It takes each and every one of us to make sure this happens. The most important thing we can do is to make sure as many individuals are vaccinated as possible.

I wanted to share our data from this past week. We conducted over 800 tests for COVID-19. We had three individuals who tested positive. Each of these individuals did not have symptoms (asymptomatic) and tested negative five days later. *As of today, I can report we are COVID-free as a school.* Please keep us in your prayers that our school community can continue to maintain these outstanding results.

Based on the data collected during the testing process, we estimate that close to *80% of our students are vaccinated*. This is a strong number that we hope continues to increase. If we can raise this number, we may consider not wearing masks sometime after the Governor lifts the current mask mandate. We would also need to see a low number of COVID cases to consider moving in this direction. Again, if we can increase our number of vaccinated students, we will be more likely to consider lifting the mask requirement.

We are going to make a change beginning next week. We initially had required all vaccinated students who participate in extracurricular activities to be tested every Monday morning. The first scheduled test for these students and unvaccinated students is this Monday, September 13.

Due to our outstanding current trends, we will not require vaccinated students to be tested on Monday mornings. The only individuals who will be required to be tested on Monday mornings will be **unvaccinated** students.

Please note:

- If the Health Office does not have a copy of your Covid Vaccine Card, you will be considered unvaccinated, and you must test.
- If you have only 1 dose of a Covid Vaccine, you will be considered unvaccinated. You must be 2 weeks past your second dose to be considered fully vaccinated. You will still need to test on Mondays until fully vaccinated.

If you have a Covid Vaccine Card and wish to send a copy of it to the Health Office, you may scan and email a copy or take a picture of the Covid Vaccine Card and send it to paquettee@maldencatholic.org or olivec@maldencatholic.org. The Nurses must be able to read your name and date of immunizations.

All unvaccinated students should use the following link to register for their COVID test on Monday, September 13. *Please do this before Monday morning!*

<https://curative.com/sites/31802>

Next Monday morning, September 13, beginning at 7:00 a.m., all unvaccinated students should report to Door #7 (back entrance to the gymnasium near our tent) to be tested for COVID-19. This measure is for the safety of our unvaccinated students, as well as our entire community. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Let's keep up the great work!



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Headmaster



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Principal