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## Updated COVID-19 Guidance Per Governor's Statewide Mask Mandate

Gov. J.B. Pritzker yesterday (Aug. 26, 2021) issued [Executive Order 2021-20](#), which calls for all Illinois residents age two or older to wear a mask while in an indoor public space, effective Mon., Aug. 30.

Attendees at Mass and other indoor liturgical celebrations and events will be required to wear a mask, beginning Mon., Aug. 30. All parish and Blanchette Catholic Center employees also must wear a mask in the office when in contact with others. When employees are in their separate workspaces that allow for a distance of at least six feet from others, the mask may be removed.

The executive order also contains directives requiring all public and nonpublic school teachers, staff and volunteers to receive at least the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine within 10 days of the order, and to be fully vaccinated within 30 days of the first dose. Those individuals not fully vaccinated within that time frame will be required to undergo at least weekly COVID-19 testing.

**We are studying the vaccination order regarding school personnel and will provide clarity as soon as possible, along with other COVID-19 guidance updates in response to your questions.**

We appreciate and thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.