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Office of Student Affairs

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Dear Immaculata Community,

As you are likely aware, Governor Murphy issued Executive Orders 251 and 252 which involve mandatory masking in schools and the mandatory vaccination (or weekly testing) of school employees. Therefore, and with the guidance of the Diocese of Metuchen, our COVID reopening plan added an addendum to specifically address these executive orders.

As we navigate these changes, we ask for the prayers and support of our community members. Finally, of course, we ask Mary, Immaculate, to pray for us!

Mr. Webber



Implementing Governor Murphy's Executive Orders 251 and 252

Under the guidance of the Diocese of Metuchen and the Office of Schools with the directive to comply with these recent executive orders, Immaculata High School will implement executive orders 251 and 252 in the following ways:

- 1. Exemptions for wearing masks (students and employees) will be granted based upon requests from a doctor. A request from a parent is not acceptable. The form is attached.
- 2. <u>All employees must be vaccinated against COVID 19</u>. There is no need for any employees to request a religious exemption, as they are able to remain unvaccinated if they test weekly. The Diocese continues to encourage everyone to get the vaccine when eligible.
- 3. Testing for unvaccinated employees. Immaculata High School will require unvaccinated employees to test for COVID-19 on Thursday of each week. Employees may work on Friday and test results will be presented by Monday morning. Employees will be given a specific email address to send COVID specific test results. The Diocese of Metuchen is researching to see if funds are available for employees to use for testing. However, at this time, the employee must assume the cost of testing.
- 4. <u>Employee Record of Vaccination:</u> Immaculata High School will collect and maintain copies of proof of vaccination.
- Employee Testing Records. Immaculata High School will collect and maintain proof of unvaccinated employee testing records weekly.
- 6. <u>Student Vaccination Status.</u> As was previously noted in the school reopening documents, Students that are <u>Fully Vaccinated</u> from COVID-19 <u>will not</u> be subject to 'close contact' quarantine directives. When contact tracing, Immaculata High School will request a copy of a students' vaccination record if they are considered to have been in 'close contact' with a COVID positive community member and the vaccinated student. When received, the vaccinated student will be removed from the quarantine list.
- 7. <u>Confidentiality.</u> A person's vaccination status is confidential. If asked, Immaculata High School will not provide the vaccination status of individual community members including employees.

*If Needed, Please contact the school for the physician mask exemption form. Thank you.