



Dear St. Joseph Middle School and St. Philip High School Family,

- **For students in grades sixth through twelfth:**
 - Mask protocol will be determined based on the Calhoun County Positivity Rate

County Positivity Rate	Status	Specifics
0.0 – 4.9%	Masks are recommended but not required	Masks are encouraged to be worn while indoors
5.0-9.9%	Masks are required in all common areas regardless of vaccination status	Masks are required in all common areas such as school entryways, hallways, bathrooms, and Church. Masks will be optional while seated in classrooms and when outside
10.0% +	Masks are required at all times regardless of vaccination status	Masks are required at all time while indoors

- According to Calhoun County Health Department website current (last updated 8/10) county positivity rate is 6.3% **This means masks are strongly encouraged at all times and required to be worn in common areas - regardless of vaccination status.**
- We plan to follow these protocols unless a mask mandate is issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services **OR** the Calhoun County Health Department. As the county updates this positivity rate, we will communicate it to families. Once the status is determined, it will be in effect for the entire week and will not change on a daily basis. The current status will be clearly marked at school entryways.

Information regarding the Calhoun County positivity rate can be found at the Calhoun County Health Department website:

https://www.calhouncountymi.gov/departments/public_health_department/schools_covid_resources.ph

Additional information regarding the county positivity rate and other data can be found at:

[Dashboard | MI Start Map](#)

[Calhoun County, Michigan \(MI\) - COVID Vaccine & Risk Tracker - Covid Act Now](#)