



**Statement from the Superintendent of Schools  
For Immediate Release: 08.04.21**

With the approval of Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, CSC and Most Reverend Louis Tylka, the Office of Catholic Schools will be directing our 42 diocesan elementary and secondary schools to comply with Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Order mandating the wearing of masks for in-person learning in our schools.

In his press conference, the Governor noted that to support safe in-person learning requires that masks be worn indoors by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors in our PK-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria has the greatest concern and care for God's children, and we will do what is required by the Governor to hopefully, eradicate COVID-19 and its variants.

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