



# ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As we begin this school year, St. Mary's Dominican High School would like to communicate information about our health and safety procedures for the 2021-2022 school year. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dominican has taken extraordinary measures to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

Based on current guidelines from local, state, and federal health and education agencies, the following guidelines and procedures will be in place for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

- ALL students, faculty, and staff are required to wear face coverings, while inside the school buildings. Face coverings should be worn securely over their nose and mouth.
- Once school has started for the day, on campus visitors will be limited.
- Students who are exposed to COVID-19, will be required to quarantine unless proof of vaccination can be provided.
- Unvaccinated students will be required to quarantine for up to 10 days if exposed to COVID-19.
- Dominican believes in the importance of an on campus Catholic educational and formational experience for all students. Therefore, St. Mary's Dominican High School will not provide virtual classes for quarantined students.

The attached booklet "Welcome Back to Walmsley," will answer many of your questions in detail regarding Dominican's health and safety measures, for this school year. Any updates will be communicated in a timely manner to the school community. Because of the fluidness of the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask everyone to be patient and know that our decisions are based on protecting our students, faculty, and staff. Once school has started each day, on campus visitors will be limited.

Dominican's focus is to create a learning and school environment that takes into account the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. We are grateful for your continued cooperation to help keep one another as safe as possible. Please encourage your daughter to wash her hands at home and wear a mask when leaving the home. If any questions should arise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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