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**Date:** January 10, 2022

**To:** Priests, deacons, parish communicators, principals and presidents, Chancery and Catholic Charities staff

**From:** Maureen Smith, director, Office of Communications

**Re:** COVID protocol reminders

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As COVID cases surge, parishes are urged to review and adjust their COVID protocols as needed. While the archdiocese has offered guidelines which must be followed, pastors have the authority to add more strict protocols to these minimum standards, including requiring masks for all employees and visitors inside a church or facility, reinstating social distancing or other measures.

You can find the current guidelines here:

<https://archatl.com/2021/08/current-guidelines-for-parishes-regarding-covid-19/>.

Please keep in mind that the Office of Catholic Schools has set their own COVID protocols, which may differ from parish protocols.