



September 12, 2022

Dear Cristo Rey Community,

We pray that this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy as summer comes to a close and as we welcome the first days of fall. Because the health and wellbeing of each and every Cristo Rey Student is important to us, we would like to take a moment to inform you of a recent change to our school's health and safety practices and protocols.

As of Tuesday, September 13, 2022, Cristo Rey has transitioned to a mask-mandatory status. This decision is rooted in a careful consideration of the recent uptick in Covid cases within our school community. As of Monday, September 12, 2022, Cristo Rey has 14 students and 4 faculty members who tested positive for Covid. Masking is one safety measure we can take to add a layer of protection between ourselves and the virus that causes COVID and helps to slow the spread of the virus.

Cristo Rey will continue routine COVID testing for staff and students while COVID community levels remain moderate to high. Every Wednesday we will select a combined total of 100 students, faculty, and staff for randomized COVID-19 testing. As we continue to follow guidelines from the CDC and the Maryland State Department of Health, we will keep you informed of any changes or updates to our school's health and safety practices and protocols.

We encourage everyone to exercise caution and to continue to remain vigilant in order to protect themselves from illness. If you exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, get tested. If you receive a positive test result, please remain home and follow the [isolation and quarantine guidelines](#) listed on the Maryland Department of Health website. Taking these steps will help to ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep our school community safe from COVID.

As always, thank you for your continued commitment to our school and mission and for prioritizing the health and safety of our school community.

Go Hornets!