

As you may be aware, CDC changed their guidance on the wearing of masks, stating that:

- Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- For now, the following measures are strongly encouraged:
  - For those who have been hesitant in getting vaccinated should do so at their earlier convenience. Children 12 years of age and older are now eligible.
  - Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
  - Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

**Notice from the office of Bishop Estévez:**

**As has been our policy throughout the pandemic, we continue to follow the guidance of the CDC. In light of the new CDC guidance released late Thursday, May 13 2021, we are adjusting diocesan guidance regarding the wearing of masks**

**“Given this new guidance from CDC, effective immediately, Bishop Estevez has approved that at Masses in our parishes and missions we will no longer require the wearing of masks for fully vaccinated persons, nor will we require proof of vaccination or ask if persons are vaccinated. All other diocesan guidance remains in place.”**

**We will continue to monitor covid-19 data and follow the guidance of the CDC and the directives from our Diocese.**