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URGENT COVID-19 UPDATE

NEW INDOOR MASK MANDATE STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2021

Due to a recent requirement by state health officials, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno and Bishop Joseph Brennan are directing all parishes to require masks while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

The new indoor mask requirement will be effective Wednesday December 15th, 2021 and will expire on January 15th, 2022.

All church gatherings should follow standard COVID-19 protocols requiring hand sanitizing when entering our churches and facilities and hand sanitizer should be near when parishioners are to receive Holy Communion. Always wear a mask except when receiving Communion. All parishes should be diligent in the cleaning of our churches after each Mass or parish gathering. There is no change in seating and distancing while inside our churches.

The COVID-19 infection rate has increased by 47% since Thanksgiving, according to local health officials. Bishop Brennan and the Diocese of Fresno once again thank the people within our diocese for their continued patience as changes are endured throughout the pandemic and ask that the faithful throughout our diocese to consider the common good this Advent and Christmas season.

As always, the Risk Management office and myself will continue to monitor COVID-19 updates and will do our best to keep our diocese informed in a timely and effective matter.

Please be safe and God Bless You!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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