

January 11, 2022

Dear SUA Parents,

We have all experienced the impact of the rapid spread of COVID-19 in our community. Today we received an update from the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department that the COVID-19 numbers in our county are extremely high and predicted to peak at the end of January. We continue to focus on the well-being of our SUA community with our goal to keep our students, faculty, and staff in person and present at school.

During this projected peak, we are preparing for our annual musical *Annie*, which has nearly 90 students, the team from the Valentine, the orchestra, and parent volunteers involved. Our Dance Team will be performing at Nationals in Florida, and we have many winter sports running. In addition to the student activities, our hope is to keep our faculty healthy and in school being able to teach your daughters.

As a result of this surge and its potential impact on the SUA community, as of tomorrow, January 12 - Friday, February 11, St. Ursula Academy's mask protocol is being updated from masks recommended to masks required during the school day. Please have your daughter bring a mask to school each day for the next month. Our isolation and quarantine guidelines remain in effect.

Wearing masks is only one way to help slow the spread of COVID-19. We continue to encourage vaccinations and boosters. Your daughter should not come to school if she is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Finally, remind your daughter to wash her hands frequently, especially prior to eating. Together, we can remain committed to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for your support and commitment to the health of our community so that we may do our best to remain in person during this peak. Please don't hesitate to reach out to either of us or Nurse Amy Szymanski with any questions.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Mary and Nichole