



MEMORANDUM

TO: THE DIOCESE OF STOCKTON

FROM: BISHOP MYRON J. COTTA

DATE: 05/17/2021

RE: CDC MASK GUIDELINES

Brothers and Sisters,

Recently the CDC has eased the **national** recommendations on masks and social distancing for those who are vaccinated. However, at the guidance of local health officials, all those attending Mass are to continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing according to the established norms.

It brings joy to our parish communities that people returning to Mass and we need to continue to do what we can to protect one another while worshiping.

As we await the lifting of the other restrictions, my Pastoral Center staff and I will keep the faithful updated as we decide to update diocesan guidelines.

For more information on how the COVID-19 vaccine is helping us protect one another, please visit our website.

In the Peace of Christ,

Bishop Myron J. Cotta