

Hello, all! In full transparency, I wanted to share with you the recent COVID updates from the NFCYM yesterday via the zoom call. Short of them canceling the event, I believe this will be the last update on COVID as I'm not sure there are many more things we could be doing. Click here to read what they have written (I summarize below for you):

<https://nfcym.org/featured-events/ncyc/>

1) Masks will be required. We will not wear them when we sleep or when we eat. You will have to wear them at the keynotes and breakouts. Masks have to be at least 2 ply and cover the nose and chin. I have some disposable ones that were donated to me last year that I am happy to let us use. Also, here is an example online:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B08PFCR97F/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o05_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

2) Proof of vaccination **OR** a negative covid test 72 hours before. Per the President's mandate on groups over 100 (which NCYC will be) each person will need to either provide proof of vaccine or a negative test. Testing should happen Monday or Tuesday of the week of NCYC and you would give your results to me by Wednesday and I will scan them into our Archdiocese by their 8am meeting on Thursday of NCYC. At this time, we believe that a personal at home test will suffice. If you are not vaccinated and need to be tested, this is a good example (an relatively inexpensive):

https://www.amazon.com/Amazon-Covid-19-Test-Kit/dp/B08ZR5XNBM/ref=sr_1_5?crid=2638J8XAQ48DP&dchild=1&keywords=covid+home+test&qid=1631722457&sr=8-5

I do not have the power to change the above requirements. If you are not comfortable going and/or sending your child, I need to know ASAP so I can try to fill the spots I have reserved for you. I am sorry that I didn't have all of this information when you sent in your registration items but it just came out this week.

I still stand by the notion that NCYC is one of the most wonderful events a teenager can go to in their high school years. It only happens every 2 years so we won't have this opportunity again until 2023. Not only do I think it's amazing, the youth who have gone in the past have marked it as one of the most significant faith events in their high school lives. I know these protocols will be a deterrent to some and I respect the decisions your family makes. Either way, please keep praying for NCYC this year and for all the youth!

As a final reminder which I said at the meeting: IF NCYC is canceled by the NFCYM, you will receive a full refund. If you test positive prior to NCYC and are in quarantine or are contact traced and are quarantined during NCYC, there are no refunds.

The Archdiocese has rented two hotel rooms for quarantine (one for boys and one for girls). Should a teen start showing symptoms during our stay, we will be able to put them in a separate room until a parent can come and get them.

So...after all that...this is what I need from you: If you could prayerfully discern this and let me know if you are ok with me going ahead and proceeding with registering your child by this Sunday September 19th, I would appreciate it. Please take the following steps:

1. Send me a reply to this e-mail saying one of the following:
 - a. I'm in still
 - b. I'm out
2. If you've sent in the \$100 deposit and not filled out the form here it is: <https://forms.office.com/r/a8hDr3beuD>
3. If you've filled out the NCYC form but have not send the \$100 check, could you please send that to me by Monday please?

Love of Christ,

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