



# International School Bangkok

Dear ISB Community,

We have received the directive from the Ministry of Education regarding the mandated self-quarantine for travelers returning to Thailand from **China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, and Vietnam.**

**Anyone who has traveled to these areas or TRANSITED through an airport in these locations must self-quarantine for 14 days from their return to Bangkok. If your family has traveled to or TRANSITED through any of these locations, please complete [this form](#) (if you have done so already, you do not need to respond again).**

**The Ministry of Education has not given any advice regarding those in close contact with people traveling to or transiting through these areas. For the next two weeks, ISB will extend the self-quarantine requirement to students and adults living in the same household as a person who has traveled to one of the areas included in the directive even if the student has not traveled to that location. During this time, ISB will be re-evaluating this practice in collaboration with government departments, other agencies and experts. If your household falls into this category of close contact, please let us know [on this form](#).**

A copy of the original letter from the Ministry and an English translation are attached to this communication.

Here is some additional information about specific questions we have received:

**Will the school be doing temperature checks?** *Yes. According to the Ministry directive: "The school shall screen all teachers, educational personnel and students every day by measuring fever." We are working out the protocols for this and will communicate more about the process once the details are decided. All those entering campus will be screened.*

**Will days away from school due to the quarantine be counted as absences on permanent records?** *No. All students who are in self quarantine will be marked as "present".*



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**What provisions for online learning does ISB have in place?** *ISB administration and teachers will be working with our virtual learning plan to ensure that students who have to be quarantined continue to have meaningful learning. Further details will come shortly.*

**How do we calculate the 14 days for self-quarantine?** *The day of arrival in Bangkok is day one, this applies also for arrivals before the date of the Ministry's announcement. On day 15, students, parents, and staff will have completed the quarantine period and may return to school. "...If arrived in Thailand on 24th February, 2020, then start counting day 1 on that day and finishing (14 days) on 8th March 2020 thus they can go to work or study on 9th March 2020."*

*If you or a member of your household has **transited** through an airport in one of the areas included in this directive, the quarantine period would begin the day you departed that airport. For example, if you flew through Hong Kong on February 22 on your way to Europe, then returned to Bangkok via a location not on this list, your quarantine period would start February 23.*

**What does self-quarantine mean?** *The intention of a self-quarantine is to prevent the transmission of a virus or other infection. The MoE letter states, "the traveler shall quarantine themselves at home..."*

**What documentation will be required for students, parents, and staff to enter campus (passport checks?)?** *None. We will rely on our community members to self-monitor and do their part to keep everyone at ISB safe. Please ensure you bring your ISB ID when coming to campus.*

**How does ISB determine the measures to be taken to address the safety of our students and staff?** *We utilize our Coronavirus Response Matrix [adapted from our Pandemic Response Matrix] that outlines the steps to be taken as the situation progresses. We consult with International SOS, regional medical experts and reference the WHO and CDC recommendations.*

## ISB's Requirements for Our Community

- **The government** requires that anyone who has travelled to or **transited through** mainland **China, Japan, Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam** undertake a self-quarantine period of 2 weeks (14



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Days) from their return date to Bangkok and not attend school or come on campus until the quarantine period has ended.

- ISB also requires that parents check their children's temperature before they are sent to school and if a fever is detected to keep your child at home - CDC guideline is 38 celsius or more (100.4 fahrenheit). This also applies to all adults. ISB will also be conducting temperature checks on all people entering campus in compliance with the Ministry of Education directive.
- Children and adults who are unwell must not come to school - particularly those with fever or respiratory issues.

## Communications

To help with communication we have created a page on our website linked [here](#). ISB community members are able to access all communications from the school, some FAQs, and links to reliable sources in one place.

We will continue to monitor the situation and should anything change in the coming days, we will let our community know right away. **There may be additional mandates or changes that come from government agencies in the future. As you look forward to the Songkran holiday, you may wish to consider these possibilities as you plan for travel.**

Thank you for your understanding and patience. As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact any one of us below.

Kind regards,

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