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Information about Novel Coronavirus Communication 7

Dear ISB Community,

The Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is one of a number of viruses that have challenged the world in recent times. The key to defeating these global health crises is through international cooperation, advancements in science, the work of the medical community, and people all over the world following medical advice. For us in the ISB community, that means not traveling to affected areas, practicing good hygiene, monitoring our health and not coming on campus if we are sick or have a fever.

As we approach the weekend, please find some reminders and updates below:

ISB's Ongoing Requests to Our Community

- ISB requests that those who have travelled to mainland China undertake a self-quarantine period of 2 weeks (14 Days) from their return date to Bangkok and not to attend school or come on campus until the quarantine period has ended.
- ISB also requests 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.
- Children and adults who are unwell should not come to school.

International Family Fair - Saturday 8th February - Please wear ISB Name Tags

The International Family Fair (IFF) is one of our finest ISB traditions as we celebrate the many cultures we are proud to have in our school community. For many in our community, this is the favorite day of the year - a real expression of the values and vision of ISB and a great day for the whole family.

Given the coronavirus situation we have been working hard to ensure that the IFF can go ahead and go ahead safely. Our Director of Risk Management, the IFF planning team, and the ISB Leadership Team have developed a number of safeguards with input from International SOS and other infectious disease experts kind enough to advise us.



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These IFF safety measures currently include the following:

- We will regularly communicate that anyone who has been to China in the last 14 days, anyone who is unwell, or anyone with a fever should not come on campus. Signs are also in place to this effect at each campus entrance.
- All IFF vendors will be screened prior to coming on campus. This screening will include questions about prior travel and checking temperatures.
- Campus access will be limited to the entrance between the central office and the zig zag path. **All adults should wear ISB name tags.**
- ISB leadership team members will screen all non-ISB community visitors.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at 15 IFF locations.
- We have spread out our activities to make more use of our outdoor spaces.

Our expert advisors have assured us that IFF can and should go ahead and that our safeguards are appropriate.

Many thanks in advance to our IFF Team, our PTA and to all parent volunteers. We are looking forward to yet another demonstration of the spirit of ISB and our wonderfully diverse community.

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.

Student Trips & Activities

During this time our aim is to continue to run as many activities as possible, that are safe, and serve the interests of our students and our community. Please rest assured that we will carefully consider student safety and wellbeing for every activity or trip planned in the coming weeks. We will continue to make decisions based on reliable sources and information and with input from our safety experts.

Upcoming trips: at this stage, HS Global Citizenship Week (GCW) trips will continue as planned. The Grade 4 Barge Field Trips next week to Ayutthaya will also continue as scheduled.



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Parent Information Session

We are hosting the Regional Medical Officer Dr. Peter Guerin from the U.S. Embassy Bangkok, for a parent information session on Wednesday, February 12th at 9.30am (MPB 2). Dr. Guerin will provide an update on the 2019-nCoV (Wuhan) Virus, as well as discuss preventive steps you and your family members can take. Dr. Guerin will also be available to answer questions you might have. We are very grateful to Dr. Guerin and the US Embassy. The session will also include Dr. Peyawadee, a specialist in Travel Medicine, from International SOS.

Travel During February Break

- If you travel to China or transit through China, make sure you do not come on campus for 14 days after your return to Bangkok. Note - travel to China or transiting in China is not recommended.
- Parents and staff are reminded to check travel advisories as well as reliable sources such as the Centres for Disease Control and the World Health Organization. We also ask that ISB parents check their email and the ISB website regularly as this situation is evolving.

Again, I would like to send our very best wishes to the people of China, everyone in the international community living in China, and our own ISB Chinese community. A number of our community members have relatives and friends in China and I know they are worried about them. I also know that our entire ISB community is thinking of all those impacted and our friends in the Chinese community at ISB.

We are very grateful for your understanding and cooperation at this challenging time. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact any of us below. We are happy to meet with anyone to talk through any concerns or ideas.

Sincerely,

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