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Dear ISB Community,

Thank you very much for your cooperation today. Almost everybody has completed the self declaration form and the screening process at the start of school went very smoothly. We were able to get our students on campus and in classes with almost no delay.

For the remainder of the week, please be aware of the following:

1. Entrance to campus for all of this week (March 3-6) will be only through the entrance next to the Business Office (6:30am-8:00pm). This will allow us to complete temperature checks as required by the MoE and other screening measures. Gates will open at 6:30am and not before.
2. We apologize that the Sarawan Ville gate will be closed for campus entrance this week (except for staff). Vans will be rerouted to the main gate. Parents and students may exit the Sarawan Gate gate.
3. The Sports complex entrance will also be closed for the next two weeks.
4. Parents must bring ID cards when they visit campus and these will be scanned at the entrance to the breezeway next to the Business Office. We will affix an "entrance sticker" to ID cards and then parents can enter the main campus through the breezeway next to the Business Office. This will enable us to verify if the self disclosure forms have been completed. The sticker and process will be used for campus entrance for the next two weeks.
5. After school activities and athletics will take place this week. We will communicate later in the week regarding the weekend.



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Further Information:

Self Quarantine

The Department of Disease Control in the Ministry of Public Health has provided [these instructions](#) around self quarantine.

The Queensland Government has provided this definition of self-quarantine: "Self-quarantine means staying in your home, hotel room or provided accommodation and not leaving for the period of time for which you are required to isolate. Do not allow visitors into the home, hotel room or provided accommodation" (source - [Queensland Government](#)).

ISB community members under self quarantine should remain at home for the self quarantine period and avoid contact with others who are not in your household.

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.

Self Declaration Form rather than Passport Checks

We decided against passport checks for the following reasons:

- Passport checks do not show where passengers have transited



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- A number of countries no longer stamp passports
- Passport checks will not reveal who has had close contact with someone from a high risk area
- It can take 5-7 minutes to thoroughly check each passport and we have many thousands in our ISB community
- Passport checks would continually need to be made each week

We decided in favor of the Self Declaration Form for the following reasons:

- The Self Declaration Form includes all household members
- The form includes transit destinations and locations where passports are not stamped
- The form asks community members to agree to notify the school if any future travel or transit takes place through the designated high risk areas
- We believe in the integrity of our community

Future Travel

With the Songkran Break next month, it is strongly suggested that careful consideration be given to travel plans to avoid self quarantine. Please monitor the changing global situation, travel advisories, and the list of high risk countries maintained by the Ministry of Public Health.

Reminder that all completed self-declaration forms include this statement:

I confirm that the information given in this form is true, complete and accurate. I also confirm that should at least one of the above students or adults living in the same household travel to or transit through one of the above listed risk areas, or additional areas as listed by the school in the future, we will keep all students in my household in self-quarantine until 14 days have passed from the date of the traveler returning to the household. We will also notify the school.

From the Ministry of Education (28th February 2020), "Please note that those who conceal their travel to at risk countries announced by the Ministry of Public Health, or do not admit in a hospital for medical treatment by an



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advice of a doctor, they will be guilty and sentenced according to Communicable Diseases Act, B.E.2558 (2015)"

IASAS/BISAC Update

In light of the recent news regarding COVID-19 in the region, the Heads of Schools of the IASAS conference have voted unanimously that it is in the best interest of the participants involved to cancel the Season 3 IASAS Championships for Badminton, Baseball & Softball, Golf, and Track & Field. This decision was not made lightly. All of the IASAS schools have been consistently monitoring COVID-19 in their respective countries and globally. This is an ever-changing situation with incomplete information that makes planning events such as Season 3 IASAS Championships difficult. The decision to cancel was made with the health and safety of our students, coaches, and communities as the top priority.

ISB also received official correspondence from the Office of the Private Education Commission (OPEC) communicating a directive to postpone all interscholastic games and activities until further notice. All BISAC and other friendly matches/meets will be postponed.

ISB is still committed to providing exemplary opportunities for student-athletes. All of our season three U11-Varsity sports will continue internally, following the regular practice schedule. Our outstanding coaches will continue to create exciting opportunities for competition and growth. Practices and improvement will continue. The ISB Athletics program will remain an incredibly valuable component in our students' lives, providing balance, health, learning, friendship, and fun to students across all divisions. While we will not play against outside schools and teams until the situation improves, ISB is still committed to providing an athletic experience that inspires achievement and transforms lives

If we can provide any support to you or your children, please contact any of us below.

All of the previous communications we have sent are housed on a page on our website linked [here](#).



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Finally, regretfully Dr. Davies is also self quarantined and working from home as he traveled to France over the February break. Dr. Davies can be reached by email or phone (0818516277).

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

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