



International School Bangkok

Dear ISB Community,

Yesterday the Ministry of Public Health announced the removal of France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, and Taiwan from the list of high risk areas. We were informed by officials at the MoPH that this meant our students and faculty who had been self-quarantined could return to school immediately.

As we were assured that this was safe and that the MoPH had removed the need for self-quarantine related to travel to France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, and Taiwan, we made the decision to bring these students and faculty back to school right away to maximize student learning and support emotional wellbeing; knowing that quarantine is a difficult situation for children.

Unfortunately, we learned today that there were mixed communications and different interpretations within government agencies and we are now being instructed by the Ministry of Education that those initially on self quarantine (France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, and Taiwan) should stay at home and complete the self quarantine period.

The MoPH does not view today's interactions on campus as high risk.

However, we have decided to close school until Monday 16th March as a precaution. We will also complete additional deep cleaning of the ISB campus and Montri buses during this period.

We will be in touch with online learning details over the weekend.

We were taken by surprise by this reversal and apologize deeply to the community for this. Other schools who were acting upon the same information are also in this position.



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All activities (except Cultural Convention today and SAT testing on 14 March) are cancelled from now until March 16th. Montri buses will depart today at 2:35pm.

I take personal responsibility for this and in hindsight should have waited for written directives from both the MoE and MoPH. Again, I sincerely apologise for this situation.

If you have any questions, please contact any of us below.

Kind regards,

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