



International School Bangkok

Information about COVID-19 (Communication 30)

Dear ISB Community,

We are missing the kids, we are missing our colleagues and we are missing our parents. ISB should be a busy, happy and exciting place and we look forward to seeing it that way again as soon as possible.

Our faculty are in their homes doing their very best to keep learning going, to keep kids engaged and talking to each other, and working on innovations and best practice for this virtual format. We know our parents are doing their best in challenging circumstances to support kids at home with their learning and also helping them understand the unprecedented events we are facing for our generations. We also know our students are doing their best, while missing their friends, their teachers, their activities, their sports and the normal learning environment.

The world is facing tough times and all we can do is our best to help our children, our family, our friends and our community through this. Things will return to normal but we are only a few chapters in and plenty of resilience will be needed still.

Emergency Decree

As many of you will have seen, Thailand has declared an emergency decree from Thursday March 26th. We do not know what this entails but further details will be communicated by the government on Thursday.

The Importance of Social/Physical Distancing

We as a community must work together to keep our loved ones safe and in order to do that we need to practice social/physical distancing. We know it is challenging for young people, particularly adolescents, not to be around their friends. However, the safety needs of others in our community - particularly the most vulnerable - must be our priority.

Community members have expressed concern to us about students mixing in groups and not following social & physical distance measures. It is vital that we all give the consistent message that this cannot occur in the interests of all of our community.



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As you have these discussions with your children, you might find this resource helpful: [Supporting Teenagers and Young Adults During the Coronavirus Crisis.](#)

The guidelines provided by [Johns Hopkins](#) and the [WHO](#) include:

- Work from home, if you can
- Maintain distance between individuals (one to two meters)
- Connect with loved ones virtually as opposed to in person
- Be vigilant about proper hand washing and respiratory hygiene

Self Quarantine Directives - Important Updates

[Self quarantine](#) procedures are still in place and must be followed by all household members of people who have travelled to those areas designated by the MoPH / MoE as Disease Infected Zones and Countries with Ongoing Local Transmission.

- [A number of additional countries have been added to the "Ongoing Local Transmission" list.](#) As at March 22nd, these include:

Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czechia, Denmark, Ecuador, Ireland, Malaysia, Norway, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Japan (specific cities), Luxembourg, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, U.K., United States

- The countries that remain on the [Disease Infected Zone](#) are:

The People's Republic of China (including Special Administrative Regions Macau and Hong Kong), The Republic of Korea, The Republic of Italy, The Islamic Republic of Iran

Important Reminders

- Should someone in your household (or someone you have come into close contact with) test positive for COVID-19, please notify the school immediately
- Should your family choose to temporarily leave Thailand, we ask that you notify your principal or counselors to inform them of your intended destination.
- Please take note of the [regulations for reentering Thailand.](#)



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As soon as we hear any updates, we will be in touch with the ISB community.

Kind regards,

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