



International School Bangkok

Information about COVID-19 (Communication 31)

Dear ISB Community,

It has been uplifting to see the number of initiatives taking place in our community to keep people connected and to focus on the positive. We remain incredibly grateful to everyone for their contributions during this time.

Emergency Decree

The state of emergency decree went into effect last night. Some key points from the decree are:

Travel:

- Foreigners are banned from entering the Kingdom of Thailand with some exceptions: diplomatic personnel, cargo shipments, pilots, and foreigners with a work permit
- While there is no “ban” on travelling across provinces, the implication is that we should avoid travelling to other provinces
- Note that there are several health checkpoints being set up to check travelers going between provinces

Closures:

- Most restaurants, stores, and entertainment venues will be closed. Food delivery, supermarkets, restaurant delivery, markets, drug stores, convenience stores, banks, and other stores selling necessary items will remain open

Digital Safeguarding Update

During this time of campus closure, ISB continues to align our Safeguarding Guidelines with guidance from organizations such as Keeping Children Safe, International Child Protection Advisors, International Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and practices found in international schools around the world. In addition to our updated teacher guidelines, we have created Student Guidelines for Digital Conferencing. These guidelines can be found below.

We also encourage parents to take an active role in their child's online learning by continuing to ask about classes, projects, goals, etc... You can also support children by helping them establish a daily routine and identifying a designated online learning workspace free from distractions. If at any time you have a safeguarding concern please contact the appropriate counselor, or divisional administrator.



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Student Guidelines for Digital Conferencing/Learning

1. Dress appropriately, as if you are attending school on a non-uniform day.
2. Select a neutral space away from distractions for online learning--preferably at a desk or table that is a comfortable workspace with easy access to materials, laptops, internet, etc.... Avoid personal spaces such as bedrooms when possible and ensure that items of a personal nature are not in the camera's view (i.e. beds, bathrooms, etc...).
3. Ensure others in the household are aware that there will be a live video recording with an individual from ISB occurring at the given time.
4. Maintain respectful, attentive behavior and engage in positive interactions with everyone in the session.
5. Refrain from using unnecessary technology during your online learning (eg. mobile phone).
6. Contact the teacher/assistant prior to the online learning session if you are having technical difficulties.
7. Please note that sessions are recorded. These recordings are maintained for Safeguarding Purposes and will be kept behind a user log-in.

Panther Roars/Arts Council Production

As part of a series of initiatives to keep our community connected at this time, an ISB Alum will be offering a live concert for all of us. We hope you will join in to watch.

ALEX SYPSOMOS IN CONCERT
a Panther Roars/Arts Council Production
Live on Youtube at
<https://youtu.be/fwwy4r-RTtq>
6:00pm Friday, March 27

Alex Sypsomos, who goes by the stage name Syps, is a soul/pop singer, songwriter and producer who creates without being constrained by genre boundaries. A graduate of ISB and Berklee College of Music in Boston, Alex has written and produced for singers in Thailand, China, Korea and Myanmar accumulating over 40 million streams for his collaborations over the past two years.



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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 inform your divisional principal or counselor to let us know of your intended destination.
- Please be reminded of the [self-quarantine requirements](#) in place for those who have traveled to countries as specified by the [Ministry of Public Health](#).
- This is a reminder that we have a responsibility to fellow members of our ISB, Nichada and global community to practice [social and physical distancing](#) at this time.

Please remember, you can reach out to us with questions and concerns. We will continue to update you as the situation changes.

Kind regards,

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