



International School Bangkok

Information about Novel Coronavirus Communication 21

Dear ISB Community,

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation through this evolving situation. We recognize that this is a challenging time for everyone and assure you that our teachers are prepared and ready for learning to continue online.

Important Updates

Regretfully, **ISB will need to close campus for 14 days from Friday 6th March** to comply with the latest regulations of the Office of the Private Education Commission (OPEC) related to COVID-19. This means that **campus will now reopen on Monday 23rd March**.

Unfortunately, we responded to information that countries and territories had been removed from the list of at risk countries and should have waited for written confirmation. Since those on self quarantine were allowed back to school on Friday 6th March, OPEC requires a 14 day window until school can resume.

What is ISB doing to ensure quality learning continues?

First, we are implementing our contingency plan to ensure high quality virtual learning for our students.

Second, we are reviewing the ISB calendar for the remainder of the school year to explore how we can gain additional learning time. At this time, we are planning the following:

- Parent Teacher Conferences have been canceled and we will run school instead. (Divisions are exploring other forms for sharing student progress)
- Monday 6 April (Chakri Day) - virtual school will take place on this day
- Wednesday 6 May (Visakha Bucha) will be a school day
- Early Release Days will be cancelled and school will end at the regular time
- The HS will explore ways to provide additional support for IB students



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Virtual Learning

You will have received information from the division administration and teachers outlining processes and expectations. If you have any questions related to Virtual Learning, please contact your child's teachers or divisional principals.

ISB maintains a contingency plan for continued learning when extraordinary events force a closure of the school. ISB will use a combination of Internet tools and resources to keep our students connected, as much as possible, to their current classroom teachers and peers. ISB Virtual School is intended to continue current learning through consolidation and extension of key concepts and skills.

Self Quarantine

Those students, parents and staff who were initially on self quarantine (mainly as a result of February Break travel) should continue their original self quarantine period and complete the 14 days.

Students, parents, and school staff from households in our community where no one has travelled to or transited through locations listed below, do not need to self quarantine.

Please see the information about how to properly self-quarantine on our [website](#).

Government Update

- Currently the Ministry of Public Health list of at risk countries and territories includes China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan, Macau, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

According to the Office of the Private Education Commission (OPEC), with respect to self quarantine requirements, anyone connected with a school (teacher, student, staff member, parent) who has visited or transited through the locations listed above must self quarantine for 14 days.

Please note that it is possible that these lists are subject to change by the MoPH.

The latest announcement from the Department for Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health can be accessed [here](#).



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The latest WHO Thailand Situation report can be found [here](#).

No cases within the ISB Community

We have heard rumors within our community that a student and a staff member at ISB have tested positive for COVID-19. **There have been no reported cases within the ISB community.** Should a case be confirmed, we would receive notification from the authorities and would communicate straight away.

In the event that an ISB community member is diagnosed with COVID 19 we would close school immediately.

Concluding Comments

Again we deeply apologize for the situation we are in. 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](#).

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

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