



# International School Bangkok

## Case of COVID-19 in an ISB Family Household (Communication 22)

Dear ISB Community,

ISB was informed this afternoon that the grandparent of an ISB Grade 6 student, who lives in the same household, tested positive for COVID-19 this morning. Our thoughts are with the family during this challenging time and we will do everything we can to support them.

We have been in contact with the family today and learned the following:

- The grandparent noticed symptoms on Monday 9th March, visited the hospital on the night of Tuesday 10th March, and the diagnosis was confirmed on Thursday 12th March (today). Upon learning of symptoms, the family took appropriate precautions by following a self-quarantine protocol.
- The ISB student and family did not travel to any high-risk countries over February break or since February break. At this time, the information available points to the grandparent being exposed to COVID-19 within Thailand.
- No one else in the household has exhibited symptoms or been hospitalized, including the ISB student. The family is under self-quarantine conditions as well as observation.
- The student was at ISB during the week of 3-6 March. There was no contact with other ISB students or other ISB community members on the weekend of 7-8 March nor in the time since. The family lives downtown and the student does not ride the school bus. The grandparent has never visited the ISB campus.

In order to protect the confidentiality of the student and family, no additional personal information can be shared.

### ISB's Response

ISB has been in contact with the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Education. We will remain in contact and will follow all recommendations regarding the reopening of school and other steps that need to be followed to do everything possible to protect our community.



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Earlier this week the entire campus underwent deep cleaning and thorough disinfectant spraying. An additional cleaning and disinfecting process will be done prior to school reopening.

### **Precautionary measures to take as a family**

Based on the information we have received from a number of medical experts today, their assessment of risk of exposure to our students, staff, and families is low because the grandparent had no symptoms when the child was in school and no one else in the family is exhibiting symptoms.

However, given that we now have a case within our extended community, it is important that we remain vigilant and monitor ourselves for [symptoms](#), seek medical attention immediately if symptoms occur, and follow safe practices as recommended by health organizations, including proper hygiene and hand washing, and keeping distance from those who are sick.

This remains a time for us to join together as a community, to embrace our ISB values of care, respect and integrity, to support one another and ensure the continued well-being and safety of our community.

Again we really feel for the student, the grandparent and family. We will do our utmost to help them through this difficult time.

We will communicate again when we know more.

Kind regards,

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