



International School Bangkok

Information about COVID-19 (Communication 38)

Dear ISB Community,

We hope everyone is well. We miss you so much that some faculty members and students have prepared a musical treat for you. Please click [here](#) for a Panther version of "Lean on Me", originally brought to us by the great Bill Withers.

Please find below some updates and reminders.

Government Updates

- The Prime Minister announced that the Emergency Decree has been extended until May 31st, 2020.
- International schools will continue to provide virtual learning in line with this announcement and will only be able to reopen their campuses with government permission.
- The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand announced this week that there will be no commercial flights arriving in Thailand until at least the end of May.

Summer Travel

Given current conditions, we advise ISB families to carefully consider the following when thinking about travelling abroad this summer. The overall situation is as follows:

- Very few flights are arriving in Thailand and these are repatriating host nationals. There are currently no commercial flights arriving in Thailand.
- The ban on incoming international flights has been extended to May 31. We do not know when international flights will resume.
- Very few flights are departing Thailand.
- There is currently a requirement for a 14 day quarantine in a government provided facility for anyone coming into the Kingdom.
- Regulations are in place that require people returning to Thailand to carry health documents that show they are fit to fly.
- Currently, even work permit holders are unable to enter Thailand because of the ban on inbound commercial flights.
- Should commercial flights be resumed, dependents without Thai citizenship are presently not able to enter Thailand.



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Opening Campus

ISB is planning for the reopening of our campus in August while at the same time preparing for other scenarios.

As you consider your summer plans, please keep in mind that **we are planning to start school according to our currently published [2020-2021 calendar](#) - with the first day of school for students on August 10.**

We will keep you informed should this change depending on the situation in Thailand and the directives from the government.

Substantial work is taking place for safety preparedness and this will continue in the weeks ahead with the help of our safety advisors.

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 complete the survey that is linked in the [Parent Portal](#).
- 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.
- In these difficult times please know that our teachers, administrators, counselors and psychologists are here to support you.

We thank you for your ongoing support of your children's learning and for ISB. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of us.

Kind regards.

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