



# International School Bangkok

## Information about COVID-19: Weekly Update (Communication 40)

Dear ISB Community,

### Government Update - International Schools

Given the improved COVID-19 situation in Thailand and the staged reopening of certain sectors, we retain some hope that international schools may be able to open in June. Should an official announcement be made to this effect, we will communicate as soon as possible. We do not wish to raise any premature hopes at this stage, but we do want to alert the community to this possibility.

ISB will be prepared to safely open should permission be given and we would begin with a staggered start with reduced student numbers. Significant planning has been completed around the health and safety measures necessary for a reopening of our ISB campus whether this is in June or August. Currently, these plans are being reviewed by safety experts and will be shared with our community soon.

### Summer School

We presently have over 500 registration requests submitted for our scheduled two weeks of free Virtual Summer School. We are nearing full capacity but still have some space available. ISB Virtual Summer School Program is open to all students enrolled at ISB for the 2019-20 school year. Dates and Times for ISB Virtual Summer School 2020:

- Opens - Monday, June 22
- Closes - Friday, July 3
- Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Bangkok time

Please register your child for virtual summer school as the grade level they are presently in during the 2019-20 school year. Students can sign up for either the academic program or enrichment camps, but not both. For specific information provided about each program, the special interest camps tentatively being offered and registration procedures, please read the [Summer School webpage on the ISB website](#).



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## **Board of Trustees Virtual Meeting - 19 May at 5:00pm**

We will be holding a virtual Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday 19th May at 5:00pm that will be streamed to interested community members. The agenda can be [found here](#). At the end of the meeting, to reflect a regular BOT meeting, there will be the opportunity for ISA community members (all our parents) to ask questions through the Q and A function on Zoom. A moderator will review the questions as they come in and we will prioritize the most frequently requested topics. Participants will need to register [here](#) in order to participate.

## **Webinar with ISB Administration - 26 May at 1:00pm**

We will hold our third webinar Q&A with the ISB Administration at 1:00pm on Tuesday 26th May. This webinar provides an opportunity for parents to hear from ISB's Administration through a Q&A format. You can access from phone, iPad or computer. To join, you will need to register - please click [here](#). You will be able to type your questions live into the Q&A function and we will do our best to answer as many as possible.

## **Opening Campus in August**

A reminder that ISB is planning to start the school year 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 in Singapore, Thailand and the US. We are also waiting for the conditions set out by the government related to the reopening of schools in the Kingdom.

## **Other Communication**

Please know that you can reach out to us by email at any time. We are also happy to talk on the phone or Zoom with individuals or groups. We really value talking to our parents and looking to see how we can help.



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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 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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