



# International School Bangkok

## COVID-19 Important Update - December 20th, 2020

Dear Parents,

We all hope your holiday season is getting off to a good start. Following reports from the Ministry of Public Health and media outlets, we are aware of a developing local outbreak in Samut Sakhorn province (a province en route to Hua Hin).

As of print, a total of 548 cases of local transmission have been reported linked to a local shrimp market. One case connected to the market has been admitted to Mongkutwattana Hospital in the Chaengwattana area. There is expected to be an increase in cases over the following days. Samut Sakhorn province will be under lockdown from 10.00pm December 19, 2020 to January 3, 2021. The Ministry of Public Health considers this a controlled outbreak at this time.

Current lockdown measures for Samut Sakhorn province include the following:

- Public schools/bars/pubs/gaming venues/salons/movie theatres/spas/shopping malls are to be closed.
- Curfew is in place from 22.00 - 05.00 Daily
- Foreign nationals are not allowed entry into/out of the province. (We recommend that anyone planning to travel to Hua Hin or further south should take the alternative route via Ratchaburi. Please expect checkpoints and we advise you to bring passports during your travels.)
- Thai nationals will have limited entry into/out of the province
- New Year's Countdown is cancelled

Given the proximity of ISB to Samut Sakhorn and the number of infections, entry to the ISB campus will be restricted to staff and contractors from today until at least 4th January. Since school is currently not in session we have decided to take this precautionary measure.

For any student or parent who has recently visited Samut Sakhorn province since 4th December 2020, we recommend monitoring symptoms and consulting a doctor. Anyone who has travelled to Samut Sakhorn province in this time period should contact Dr. Dhawe (email below).



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All staff and contractors entering the ISB campus will need to complete self declarations confirming that no travel has occurred to Samut Sakhorn province (anyone in household).

Everyone should continue to take the usual precautions of wearing masks (remembering to cover both their nose and mouth), observing physical distancing, and regularly washing hands. Please consider avoiding large gatherings where the aforementioned becomes difficult (i.e. fresh markets).

Please stay tuned to alerts from the Ministry of Public Health (English) via this [link](#) during the holiday break. ISB will continue to update you as the situation evolves.

Parents can expect to complete new self declaration forms before the start of school in January.

If you have questions about the current situation in Thailand please feel free to contact:

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All the best.

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