



# International School Bangkok

## COVID-19 Updates - December 28th

Dear Parents,

As the new year approaches, we wanted to update you on some relevant information.

The Ministry of Public Health has provided new information regarding the local outbreak of COVID-19 cases in Samut Sakhon. The number of cases linked to the cluster has risen steadily over the last week. Yesterday a group of cases from Rayong (total at 36 as of last evening) will be watched over the next few days as they are linked to an underground gambling ring.

### Update on situation in Thailand

To provide the ISB community with an outline of the recent recommendations regarding the Thai government's response to controlling the spread of COVID-19, we have translated the following from the Government's press release. In lieu of a total lockdown, provinces are categorized as follows with guidelines for each as such:

#### Zones:

1. **Highly Controlled Zone**: Infection numbers high and has tendency to rise - Cancel **ALL** EVENTS (similar to complete lockdown)
2. **Controlled Zone**: Over 10 cases and tendency for increase - Limit events to small, family events at home
3. **High Alert Zone**: Less than 10 cases and likely controlled - Events may be held with social distancing protocol in place
4. **Alert Zone**: No active cases - No restrictions

**Provinces\***: As of now 38 provinces have been affected.

1. Highly Controlled Zone: Samut Sakhon
2. Controlled Zone: **Bangkok**, Samut Songkram, Ratchaburi, Nakhon Pathom, **Nonthaburi**, Rayong, Samut Prakarn, Phetburi, Chachaengsao
3. High Alert Zone: Saraburi, Supanburi, Pathum Thani, Utarathit, Kumpaengphet, Pethchaboon, Ayutthaya, Phuket, Nakhon Ratchasima, Prajeenburi, Krabi, Khon Kaen, Chainat, Udon Thani, Phichit, Nakhon Srithammarat, Surat Thani, Prajorpkirikan, Chaiyapoom, Nakhon Sawan, Ang Thong, Sukothai, Sathun, Nakhon Nayok, Chonburi, Loey
4. Alert Zone: Remaining



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\*Please note the province list will change in real time as new cases are discovered.

Apart from the "highly controlled zone," limitation of access into and out of a province is minimal. This however will continue to evolve as the situation changes.

### **Continued efforts at ISB**

Our campus remains closed to the community until at least **Jan 4th**.

All staff and contractors entering the ISB campus will still be completing self declarations confirming that no travel has occurred to Samut Sakhon province (anyone in the household). Should things change within Thailand, these declarations will be updated as necessary.

Everyone should continue to take the vital 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), and we encourage all to download and utilize the Thai Chana application to assist with contact tracing.

Please stay tuned to alerts from the Ministry of Public Health (English) via this [link](#) during the holiday break. The daily report from the Ministry of Public Health that occurs around 11.00 each morning is followed by an English translation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs available on most local TV stations, around 11:40.

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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