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ISB Update: 16 September 2021

Dear ISB Community,

Potential Reopening of School Campuses - Latest News

At this time, we are waiting to hear from the Nonthaburi Provincial Committee of Communicable Diseases with respect to ISB's proposal to reopen campus.

We are still anticipating that **Monday 27th September** will be the earliest possible date that we can welcome students back to ISB. We will be in touch as soon as we learn more.

We are aware of reports in the media that vaccines may be required for students to return to school. We contacted the Department of Health earlier today and were informed that the 85% vaccine requirement currently applies only to educational personnel (teachers & staff). We were also informed that guidelines will be published next month by the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Education regarding student vaccines.

ATK Distribution

Antigen Test Kits (ATKs) will be distributed to parents on September 21st and 22nd from 8AM-5PM ([click here](#) to make an appointment) in the front breezeway of ISB. This is only for families planning to send students to campus for the initial school reopening.

Each student will initially receive 3 boxes of 4 tests for a total of 12 tests. This should last for six weeks based on twice weekly use. The kits are provided free of charge to students and staff.

If you are unable to collect the test kits on the dates indicated above, please make an appointment with the ISB Health Center to arrange for pick up (nurse@isb.ac.th).

Please note that we are requiring that each student that is returning to campus (should we get permission) **take an ATK test on Thursday 23rd September**. Results (positive or negative) are then to be uploaded on the ATK App (the App link and



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passcode will be sent to you by SMS and email early next week). The reasons for administering this test are:

- To determine if any students or staff members test positive
- To gain familiarity with ATK use and result submission

If we receive permission to open on Monday 27th September, ATKs must also be administered on Sunday 26th September from 2:00pm and 6:00pm, also with results uploaded on the ATK App.

Early next week we will be in touch with ATK instructions, passcodes for the ATK App, and some parenting tips.

Student Vaccines

The Office of the Private Education Commission (OPEC) is facilitating the Pfizer vaccination of students in Thailand, ages 12-17. If your child is 12-17 years old, and you would like for them to be included, please complete [this form](#) by 5:00pm on Sunday 19th September.

Uniforms

Uniforms will be available for purchase during the week commencing 20th September in the Chevron Theatre Foyer from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Please click [here](#) to make an appointment to come to campus to buy uniforms). Note - HS students may come unaccompanied by a parent but must still make an appointment.

Plans to Safely Open the ISB Campus

Please find linked [here](#) our plans to safely reopen the ISB campus.

In order to train our faculty and staff on all of the safety protocols, we will plan a day of asynchronous learning (no live Zoom sessions) before the reopening of campus. More details to follow when we have a confirmed opening date.

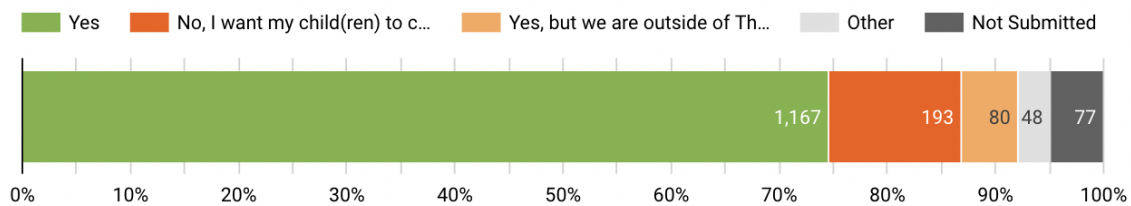


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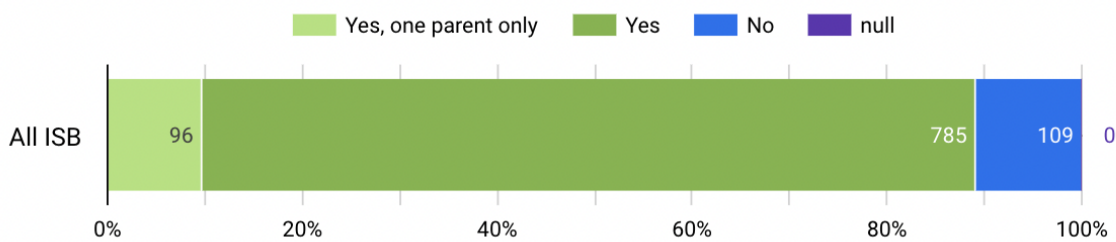
Parent Survey Results

Last week, parents were asked to complete an “ISB Potential Reopening Survey”. The initial results are as follows:

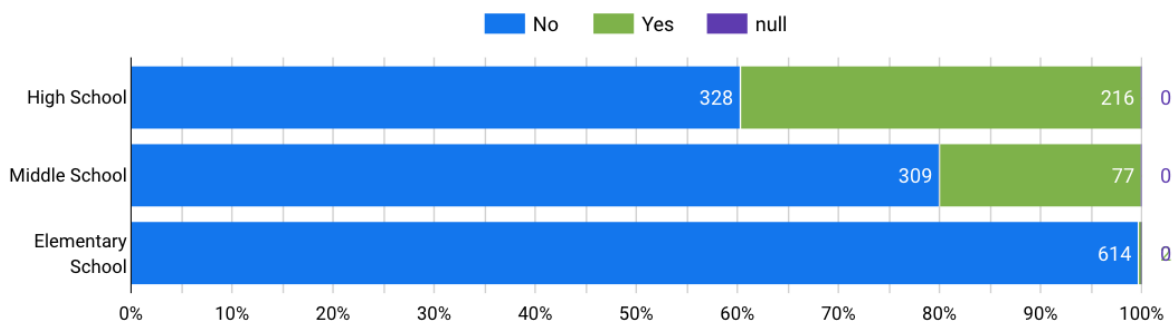
When ISB is able to reopen our campus (initially with a maximum of 50% of students on campus at a time and twice weekly ATK testing), would you send this student?



Percentage of Parents Vaccinated (does not include non-responders)



Percentage of Students Vaccinated (does not include non-responders)



Thank you for your responses to our initial survey. The information you provided, along with your questions and comments, will be helpful in our planning and preparation for reopening with students.



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Once we have a confirmed reopening date, we will send a brief survey where parents must confirm whether students will be attending school on campus or continuing with virtual learning.

Parent Webinars

A Parent Reopening Update Webinar will be held on Wednesday 22nd September at 8:00am (Bangkok time). Please click [here](#) to register.

Also, in response to inquiries over the past week, the ISB Health Center will be hosting a Health Forum **tonight**, September 16, 2021 at 18.30-19.30 (BKK Time).

Our Health Center team, in addition to an esteemed pediatrician from one of our local hospital partners, will participate in this interactive session and do our best to answer questions you might have during the current pandemic situation in Thailand.

Please sign up [HERE](#) and a link will be sent to you.

We will communicate again as soon as we know more. If anyone has questions or if we can help with anything, please reach out to any of us listed below.

All the best,

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