



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA

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## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE** **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA**

Greetings ISR community.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the steps that ISR is taking to address concerns related to the coronavirus.

First, we have formed a committee that meets daily, focused on monitoring and communicating all recommendations and/or mandates from the health authorities in Latvia. At this current time, no additional recommendations nor mandates have been made and therefore our position remains unchanged.

The Latvian authorities have recommended that any students that have recently travelled to one of the following countries/regions are strongly recommended to remain at home for 14 days: China, South Korea, Iran, Lombardy and Veneto areas of Italy. (Please note: There are other known countries, but this is the list that has been published by Latvian health officials). Parents are asked to strongly consider this recommendation before sending their children to school.

Additionally, the Latvian authorities have recommended that any adults, including parents, faculty, and staff who have recently travelled to any of the above locations to "*observe your health for the next 14 days for symptoms*". Both family doctors and the Latvian Centre of Infectious Diseases informed us that adults who are experiencing symptoms are to immediately call 113 and that they will be picked up by an ambulance. I am happy to report that no ISR faculty/staff member has experienced any of the listed symptoms nor is there any mandate to stop working.

Also, the School has increased its preventative measures in the following ways

- Hand sanitizer has been placed throughout each campus including classrooms, bathrooms, cafeterias, etc.
- Informative signage has been created and posted
- Communication focused on handwashing and other basic hygienic practices is taking place in homerooms and the planned assemblies on each campus
- Additional forehead thermometers have been purchased and temperature monitoring will begin on both campuses immediately
- Recent student/teacher ski break travel destinations are being compiled, as per National Commission for Operational Medicine recommendation

Kind regards,

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