



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA

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IMPORTANT / TIMELY: Coronavirus update from the National Commission for Operational Medicine

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Greetings ISR community.

ANY STUDENTS THAT HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELLED TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES / REGIONS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO REMAIN AT HOME TOMORROW: China, South Korea, Iran, Lombardy and Veneto areas of Italy.

I'm writing to you this evening to share with you an update that was posted by the National Commission for Operational Medicine a couple of hours ago. You can access the posting [HERE](#).

In short, the containment measures for the coronavirus Covid-19 now include; China, South Korea, Iran, Lombardy and Veneto areas of Italy.

Parents/adults who have been travelling to any of the above locations are advised to "observe your health for the next 14 day for symptoms such as high body temperature, cough, throat inflammation, difficulty in breathing, etc. If you experience any of these symptoms;

- restrict contacts with family members and others
- call 113 immediately (Emergency call),
- inform physicians of symptoms and travel to coronavirus affected countries or territories.

If any children have travelled within the last 14 days in one of the Covid - 19 affected countries or territories listed above, **authorities have recommended that the child not attend an educational institution. and that parents should contact their family doctor to assess personal situations.**

To be clear, the school has not been directly contacted regarding this update and/or any mandates from the health authorities. The article was noticed by our nursing and child protection officer who are regularly checking updates as well as parents who contacted the school directly.

Unfortunately, the language within the article, i.e. "advised", "recommended" and "encouraged", are not mandates for students who have travelled to said areas to not attend school.

However, as the health and safety of our students is our primary concern, we are choosing to follow the recommendations and are strongly recommending **ANY STUDENTS THAT HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELLED TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES / REGIONS REMAIN AT HOME TOMORROW: China, South Korea, Iran, Lombardy and Veneto areas of Italy.**



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Tomorrow we will be meeting directly with a Health Inspector and we will update the community asap.

I apologize for the lateness of this email, however, we are grateful to our nurses, child-protection officer and parents who communicated with the school when they discovered it.

Kind regards,

Craig Williamson | Director