



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA

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## ISR HEALTH UPDATE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA

Greetings ISR community.

I'm writing to you today with another health update.

As communicated last night, the Latvian Crisis Management Council have publicly communicated that until further notice, students who have recently travelled to China, South Korea, Iran, Lombardy and Veneto in Italy, MUST spend 14 days at home and return only when they have a certificate from a family doctor.

As the communication from the Council came after 9pm last night, not all parents received it in time, which is understandable. As a result, this morning we had students arrive to school who were unaware of this mandate. Fortunately, ISR teachers have done a fantastic job collecting travel information from our students and we were able to quickly contact parents to pick up their children. It is worth noting that none of these children were exhibiting related symptoms. We will continue to enforce this mandate until otherwise notified by Latvian Health / Crisis Authorities.

In regards to faculty and staff, the school will also continue to follow the guidelines communicated by the local authorities. Until now, all adults, regardless of travel history are being asked to self assess and call 113 if they have any of the noted symptoms. We contacted the authorities again this morning regarding the compliance for adults working in the school and it is confirmed that we are completely in line with their guidelines. Today in Secondary, a teacher who had cold-like symptoms spoke with our administration and nursing staff who immediately took a temperature measurement, which was normal. As an extra precautionary measure, the authorities were then called for guidance. We were advised to call 113, which we did, and an ambulance was sent. The teacher, under their own power, went to be checked by health professionals. All results came back negative. I do want to highlight that when the ambulance drivers arrived they were dressed in 'biohazard' / 'hazmat' uniforms. This was not because of the staff member nor school, rather it is now a standard protocol. Soon after, a Secondary assembly was held for all students, faculty and staff to discuss the situation, answer questions, and provide information about current mandates, etc.

I would also like to communicate that all students, teachers and staff are having their temperatures taken using forehead thermometers each day as a precautionary measure.

We will continue to monitor the situation and communication updates from the Latvian Health / Crisis Authorities, take action if necessary and keep you informed.

Kind regards,

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