



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA

Saturday, March 7th

UPDATE COVID-19 (Coronavirus) **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF RIGA**

Greetings ISR community.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the health and wellness status of the School as it pertains to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

First of all, I would like to thank all of the students and parents who have complied with the requests of the School and medical authorities, placing the health and wellness of our community above their own self-interests and staying at home the past 14 days. Your actions are directly in line with the ISR Mission and are appreciated by all! We look forward to welcoming back all our students on Monday after receiving a doctors note.

Moving forward, we continue to communicate and adhere to the recommendations and mandates set forth by official authorities. However, the reality is such that ISR will never know with absolute certainty where families have travelled during holidays, weekends, etc. We rely upon our community to be honest and ethical and follow the recommendations/mandates from the authorities and School for the health of the entire ISR community. Also, moving forward, although not a requirement nor recommendation from the authorities, ISR will adopt an even more conservative approach by mandating that faculty and staff who have travelled to any high-risk countries stay at home for 14 days and return to School only after being cleared by a doctor.

We remain hopeful that we will not have a whole-school closure; however, we must be prepared for such an event. We have been in consultation with school leaders in Asia for guidance on the best way to quickly transition to online learning platforms and are beginning run test scenarios just in case.

We are so fortunate to be living in a country with low exposure to COVID-19. However, we continue to implement precautionary measures at the School. Forehead temperature checks for all students, faculty and staff will continue daily. Additionally, we continue to stress the importance of proper personal hygienic practices; specifically, actions to take when coughing/sneezing and diligent hand washing. Additional daily cleaning and disinfecting practices are ongoing at the School and confirmation from our food and busing providers regarding their precautionary measures have been obtained.

As always, if you have any questions about this information please feel welcome to contact me directly.

Craig Williamson | Director