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Dear MYIS Community,

I am writing in response to the concerns surrounding the 2019nCoV, Coronavirus. We appreciate the concerns and questions and thank you for your understanding as we work with the fast-changing situation. As is always our goal, we want to keep you up to date and informed as we become alerted to the latest developments.

In the last 24 hours, there is now evidence of the first human-to-human transmission of the Coronavirus outside of China, and cases are spreading to new regions. The Public Health Ministry of Thailand has warned of the potential threat of an outbreak in Bangkok and other tourist areas throughout Thailand. We have revised procedures accordingly.

### New Procedures:

- All students, parents and staff who have travelled to China, or areas with a high infection rate, in the last two weeks (14 days), or who have had family members or visitors from these regions, are asked to remain at home for 14 days from the day they arrived in Bangkok.
- Any families who are required to stay home should please contact Ms Mel ([melt@magicyears.ac.th](mailto:melt@magicyears.ac.th)) as soon as possible to receive information on how to get the necessary clearance for their child to return to campus to school. Please feel free to email Ms Mel in Thai also.
- If a member of your household is displaying flu-like symptoms, please contact Ms Mel for information before **any** family members return to MYIS.
- The school campus will be closed to all visitors who are not directly related to the students (parents are an exception).
- Whole school events are postponed until further notice.
- All people entering the school campus will have their temperatures checked.
- Students will routinely wash their hands every hour.

### Advice for Families:

We advise all families planning on travel to China, or areas with a high infection rate, to reconsider their plans and refer to travel advisories.

## Preparing for School Closure

Currently, there has been no advice offered regarding MYIS closing the campus. As a school, we are working hard to reduce the impact the disruption a closure would have on the continuity of learning for our students, should a campus closure occur. The teachers have been working on matrix's to provide to families that will ensure the students are able to continue working from home if this needs to happen.

Should school closure occur teachers will share these learning engagements with their students via SeeSaw. Teachers will be available for set times throughout the day for students to connect and discuss their progress in these learning engagements. Feedback to students will be made throughout the day via SeeSaw as well as platforms such as Flipgrid and Google Docs. Ms Mel will communicate further details of the home learning process should we need.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone for your understanding and support as we navigate through this situation. It is important that while the situation raises anxiety, we remain focused on ensuring the health and wellbeing of everyone in our MYIS community. As a leadership team, we are staying in regular contact with ISAT and other international schools to ensure we are taking the necessary steps and will, of course, let you know any further information as we hear.

If you would like to see further information we recommend not relying only on media reports, as these can often contain conflicting information or inaccuracies. The situation reports from the WHO is a particularly helpful resource [The World Health Organisation](https://www.who.int/) that is updated frequently.

Please contact Ms Mel should you have any concerns.

Kind regards,

Mel