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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.

The infection has now spread to a number of confirmed cases in neighbouring countries, including Thailand. Therefore, it is very important that we all take steps to reduce the risk of spread of this virus. ISAT (International Schools Association Thailand) is working closely with the Thai Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education to ensure that any guidelines they offer can be sent out to all of our member schools. 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) 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) 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.
- 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.

School Closure

Currently, there has been no advice offered regarding MYIS closing the campus. The teachers have been preparing learning tasks to ensure students continue working from home if this needs to happen. Should school closure occur Ms Mel will communicate further details of the home learning process.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone for your understanding and support as we navigate through this situation. It is important that we stay alert and not anxious and remain focused on ensuring the health and wellbeing of everyone in our MYIS community. As a leadership team, we are in regular contact with ISAT and other international schools to ensure we are taking the necessary steps.

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](#) that is updated frequently.

Please contact Ms Mel should you have any concerns.

Kind regards,

Mel