

Dear AISZ Community,

Please see these important updates and information points :

AISZ Staff Member tests positive for COVID-19: A timely lesson for us all.

Unfortunately, one of our staff members who was visiting a sick parent in the USA, has tested positive for COVID-19 on return to Zagreb. The staff member underwent a COVID-19 test in the USA and the results were negative. The flight was 34 hours and consisted of a number of cancellations and delays. As a resident of Croatia arriving enroute from London, they did not receive any official directions to isolate or quarantine on arrival back to Croatia, and it was only the school's mandated protocols that called for this testing to be undertaken.

Whilst travelling, the staff member took all the right precautions, wore masks during travel and practiced social distancing procedures, yet this staff member started to experience mild symptoms on day 6 after return. The staff member arrived in Croatia in late July in time to self isolate if necessary prior to school starting. At this time the staff member has only very mild symptoms with no fever.

Those in contact with our colleague, who have a need to know more, have been provided with further information and directions from medical personnel and the epidemiologist and they are following these directions.

...shared with permission.

This unfortunate occurrence is a timely reminder for us all, that we have to remain vigilant and comply with all the recommendations put in place in order to maintain as safe a community as possible. Although all the recommendations around travel were taken, the virus was still contracted.

Important Updates to AISZ Opening Plans - Please read prior to AISZ Virtual Community Meeting August 11th 16:00.

It is the intent of these recommendations and protocols to minimize the possibility of spreading COVID -19 through the AISZ Community by respecting the hygiene protocols, maintaining social distancing and mask wearing. Separate cohorts of people will be maintained wherever possible. The smaller the groups of people, the less mixing you have and the more contained any possible outbreak will be. It is also easier for necessary contact tracing to quickly take place. All of the AISZ Community need to strive together to adhere to these directions at all times.

These updates are to be read in conjunction with the existing Re-Entry Guidelines already published on our website [found at this link](#). We have adapted our plans to reflect the current epidemiological situation in Zagreb and up to date medical advice. Currently, we are awaiting ratification of our opening plan from the competent authority, so please be aware that these plans may be subject to change as a result of their input. As we are getting closer to the opening of school, we can no longer wait for all the inputs to have arrived prior to letting you know the shape of the learning environment to come. Please bear with us as we construct the best and safest learning environment we can for our students in these dynamic times.

Prior to school opening we will send you and your students a short video about how these procedures and protocols will take place and how they will look.

In addition to the procedures and protocols already shared with you, these important changes have been made in light of our current situation:

- All students who have been outside the European Union during the summer, are required to be in Croatia for 14 days prior to starting school for the year. This applies to returning and new families. Families who are in Croatia in this situation can register for [Temporary Virtual Online Learning](#) for the period of time they are in quarantine / self isolation.

- *Please note that this is a hybrid on-campus model designed to support small numbers of students learning from home. It does not represent a full virtual learning program. Rather it is a series of learning engagements reflective of some of the work being undertaken in the class. More information about how to register will be provided by Divisional Principals.*
- All people in the school - adults and children of all grade levels - will be required to wear face masks where possible except when engaged in physical activity.
- After School Activities and After School Child Care cannot be offered at the moment as every effort is being made to not mix groups of children.

Learning Environment

- **Lower School**
 - Lower School will be a full day of **On Campus** learning for all students every day. We have the space to ensure that this can happen and maintain social distancing where appropriate.
 - **Upper School**
 - Due to Social Distancing requirements Middle School and High School will be working on a two day **Rotating Hybrid On Campus Model**.
 - For Example:
 - Day 1 & 2 All Middle School Students on campus
All High School Students Virtual Learning from home
 - Day 3 & 4 All High School Students on campus
All Middle School Students Virtual Learning from home
- Further detailed information will be sent to you from the Divisional Principals.**

Hygiene procedures

- When in a shared space (including classrooms) masks will be worn by staff members, visitors and students PreK-12 except during physical activity or by doctor's certification of a pre-existing medical condition that excludes mask-wearing.
- All students must bring two masks to school every day
- Students' personal cellular phones must remain in the students' backpacks at all times as these can be powerful vectors of germs. If students need to make a call, they must go to the reception desk for assistance.

Arrival & Departure Expectations

- Prior to leaving home, parents must take their child's temperature each morning and record it in a designated notebook before arriving at school. (**Each family will provide one notebook for each child who is a student at AISZ.**) This notebook is brought to school each morning by the student and presented to the staff member on duty at the entrance.
- School staff members will take the student's temperature a second time, check and stamp the notebook on arrival at the school entrance.
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Parents & Visitors on Campus

- All parents who drive to campus must remain inside their cars until children are on board and then must depart.
- Parents on foot can enter the campus prior to these times but must remain outside the building maintaining social distance.
- When arriving on campus, parents are to do drop-offs / pick-ups only.
- There is no entry onto campus without a face mask. Visitors and Parents should bring their own face mask for moving around campus.

Lunch and Snack Procedures

- The cafeteria will not be operating as usual.
- A two-week menu will be published. By Friday 9 a.m., lunches must be ordered for the following week. Lower school parents will be responsible for ordering for their children and Upper school students will order during their Homeroom class.
- No lunches may be reserved or purchased on a day-by-day basis.
- Advance payment by wire transfer or cash in an envelope. There will be no payment at the point of the lunch service.
- Students will be assigned to eat either in the cafeteria and/or their homeroom classrooms.
- Students may bring lunch from home.
- The students will not have access to the microwave oven.
- Students are recommended to bring their food in environmentally friendly packaging, like a reusable box. Any lunch boxes or reusable containers used should be clearly named, and taken home for cleaning each day.
- Students will not be allowed to share their lunch with others.

We are aware that substantial changes have been made to the learning environment we have known at AISZ in the past, and we are committed to helping your child - and you - to adjust and be comfortable with the new look and feel of our school.

As outlined at the start of this letter, the experience of our staff member would indicate that even with correct preventative measures in place, we cannot guarantee complete mitigation. Our students have lives and contacts outside of school which have different influences which we cannot control. However we are committed to doing the best we can whilst within the campus of our school.

I look forward to discussing this with you on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting will be recorded so those unable to attend can access our conversation in your own time.

Finally in a sense of partnership, I thank you on behalf of all our staff and students for your support, understanding and flexibility.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Buckley,
Director