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Influenza A (H1N1) and Expectations for the Beginning of School

This summer has seen the continued global spread of the Influenza A (H1N1) virus. The virus has now been contracted by many people in Malaysia as well as neighboring countries. Although it appears the disease is proving to be milder than was initially expected and the Malaysian Government is no longer urging quarantine of travelers, ISKL intends to take measures to protect its community members and to support the efforts of Malaysia's Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education.

In this spirit, we are requesting that all ISKL students, parents and guardians who have traveled abroad this summer make a concerted effort to ensure that they are healthy and free of the A (H1N1) virus. **Specifically, the School's expectation is that in order to attend the New Parent/Student Orientations on August 3 and 4 or the first day of school on August 5/6 and beyond, community members who have returned from abroad after July 29, 2009 must visit a health clinic/medical doctor/nurse to receive confirmation that they are free of the symptoms of the A (H1N1) virus.**

Faculty and staff will be held to similar expectations.

In order to assist families, ISKL has arranged to have clinical services available on both campuses on August 3 and August 4. We urge travelers, however, to take the initiative to visit a clinic for your safety and the safety of the entire community. We will only be able to efficiently screen a moderate number of ISKL students on campus.

We ask that you print off the attached form, have it signed appropriately given your circumstances and return it to ISKL. Hard copies of the form will be available in the Central Office, all of the division offices as well as the Admissions Office.

As noted in earlier communications, the most effective measures to reduce the spread of illness depend on social responsibility from each individual, including:

- practicing good personal hygiene by washing hands thoroughly and frequently or using hand sanitizer especially after being in public places;
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth (T-zone);
- avoiding people who are ill;
- keeping your immune system strong with sufficient sleep, proper nutrition and decreased stress levels;
- covering coughs and sneezes;
- staying home if ill with a temp above 37.5 degrees Celsius/99.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

We understand that as parents you must do what you feel is right to protect the health of your children. You may wish to take measures beyond the expectations set by the School. We ask, however, that you begin by cooperating with our basic requests.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us or Linda See, our Ampang Health Coordinator.

Our sincere thanks to you for your help and understanding – our hope is to begin the school year safely and on time with as little disruption as possible. We trust you agree, however, that we must act in a responsible manner to the health challenges before us.

Sincerely,

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Head of School

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Director of Operations