

RE: ISO COVID-19 Action Plan French version/Clarification/and Invitation for Afternoon Coffee with the Director, School Nurse and Social Emotional Counselor

ISO Parents,

I am writing to inform you that the two Upper School students who tested positive for COVID-19 last Thursday have been in touch with our school nurse and have informed us that they both had a negative PCR test today. As stated in the ISO COVID-19 policy: "**Positive Cases of COVID-19 must self-isolate at home for at least 10 days, and cannot return to school without a medical clearance (or negative PCR test).**" As such, both students will be eligible to return to their respective classes on Monday.

We are pleased to report this positive news, as we clearly understand the anxiety that the global pandemic is creating for our school community. Although there were confirmed cases during the winter break, this was the first time our community has faced this challenge while school was in session.

This helped us realize that, as an International Organization, we need to be extra prudent at the present time, rather than risk all the work that has already been done to prevent any transmission of the virus here on our ISO campus.

To that end, I would like to clarify an error in our recent messaging:

"If you have no symptoms (even if you've been in contact with a COVID positive person), you can come to school. If symptoms appear, then we ask you to return home, get tested, and inform people you've been in contact with."

This is not accurate, as the whole goal is to break the transmission chain. The school's guidance is for isolation and to advise the Director and School Nurse of any contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.

The message was written to reassure our community that, with proper use of our mitigation protocols (masks, handwashing, social distancing, proper ventilation .. etc.), the risk of transmission was low and we deemed it safe to come to campus. However, it has become clear that we did not do that, and I apologize for any extra anxiety that messaging created for our community.

To that end, as I am sure that there are many questions and additional concerns, our school Nurse, our newly hired Social Emotional Counselor, Ms. Laurence Traore (Biography attached), and I would like to host a virtual parent information session tomorrow (January 28th at 16:00). We are pleased to have Ms. Traore join us this semester to assist our students during what we anticipated would be a challenging time for our community.

Please use this Zoom [link](#) if you would like to join us for this 45-minute session.

I want to thank everyone for their patience, cooperation, and understanding during this tough period. Our overall goal remains to keep your students safe and the school open, providing uninterrupted educational services during the COVID-19 pandemic, whether they are in-person or temporarily online.

Have a good afternoon,

Sent by email:

- French ISO COVID-19 Action Plan (also available on the website)
- Biography of Ms. Laurence Traore, our new Social Emotional Counselor.

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