

Dear AISZ Community,

Thank you to those who joined our Community Meeting Last Night. These are very challenging times so thank you for your support.

The situation is changing very rapidly and there are important updates to share with you that only arose over the course of the day.

Current Status

- 14 students are in isolation directly related to COVID-19.
- 4 students remain positive
- 5 students previously isolated have received negative tests.
- 2 staff are positive

New COVID +ve

AISZ Director

As of lunch time Monday 19th, I have been working at home, following our health protocols. I left school after lunch as I felt the beginning of very mild irritation in my throat. Our health protocol dictates that anyone with any sort of mild condition be at home until 48 hours after the symptoms subside.

Purely as a precaution, I had a COVID-19 test before I returned to school and this morning it returned a positive result. As such I am in quarantine. I do not feel ill and would not have responded to the sensation in my throat had it not been for our school protocols and precautions.

The morning of the 19th was spent in zoom meetings from my office and preparing for the upcoming Board Meeting. I had no close contact with students, parents or faculty. Barbora and I spent the holiday alone together in Krk and Istria maintaining all protocols whilst around others. Barbora has been tested and is negative. It was pleasing to see the health protocols that we have put in place at the school worked. Close contact was avoided, a mask was worn at all times and I immediately went home even though the symptoms were very slight. I will remain in quarantine until November 10th, but will continue to work from home or until the doctor advises I am able to safely return to school. The deep cleaning of my office was undertaken this afternoon.

Grade 5

An Educational Assistant in Grade 5 has tested positive.

We will close the Grade 5 for **one day - tomorrow Wednesday 27th**, - while we undertake a deep clean of the classrooms, the center island, furniture and bathroom while the students remain at home.

The Assistant has diligently maintained all our protocols for hygiene, distancing and mask wearing. The Assistant has not been in school since Wednesday last week.

I contacted Grade 5 parents by SMS and **both** Mr. Douma and I followed up by email.

Contact of Contacts

Two families reported positive cases at home.

These students are not sick and do not have symptoms.

Grade 5 and Grade 8: one family

Grade 4: one family. This student was in school but maintaining all protocols.

As students and staff are "contacts of a contact" and all interactions have been socially distanced and masked there is no need to isolate the Grades at this point.

Reducing the number of people in School

In order to reduce the number of people in school, we will introduce a more flexible delivery for teachers. Teachers will be able to teach their virtual classes in the Upper School from home if they require.

If Symptoms are at your Home

As we are now in the exponential stage of this wave, it is very important not to send your child to school if there are COVID symptoms at home or you are waiting for test results. If your symptoms are such that you require a test, please keep your children at home until

Yours sincerely,

Paul Buckley