



Dear Colleagues,

As concerns continue to arise regarding the Coronavirus and further to the letters sent to you on January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> outlining the school's precautionary procedures (attached), I would like to once again remind you of the following:

- Be sure to follow the protocol for all infectious diseases and do not send your children to school if they show signs of illness.
- If you or any member of your family has travelled to high-risk areas, i.e., China, Italy and/or other areas (with ongoing virus transmission or with a history of close contact with confirmed medical cases of infection) and experience relevant symptoms, immediately isolate and seek medical evaluation as soon as possible. Do not send your child(ren) to school. They will need to stay home for 14 days. Please inform the school immediately.
- PLEASE NOTE that whenever we call home in case of illness, the nurse has been instructed to ask parents about travel plans to high-risk countries such as China, Italy, or any other highly infected area in the past 15 days. Depending on the situation, we may ask the student to stay home for 14 days.
- Regarding athletics: The ISST Organization and other sports conferences in Europe have cancelled all sports competitions where international travel is required for the winter season (scheduled in the first two weeks of March). The ACS Athens swimming competition that is scheduled to take place next week will carry on with local participating schools.
- Regarding academic and other trips: The Ministry of Health announced today that all school organized trips outside of Greece are cancelled until further notice.
- Should the school close due to heightened health concerns and/or a directive from the Greek Ministry, all faculty are prepared to provide instruction on-line. The Principals will provide detailed procedures for this should the need arise.

For the school to abide by the directive of the Ministry of Health for preventing the spread of infectious diseases, please be reminded that anyone who has been sick for three days or more must bring in a doctor's note before the student can return to the classroom.

Although international concerns are rising, I am confident that remaining calm and being prepared is the best guide for our community to stay safe.

Thank you once again for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Feel free to communicate with the Health Office for any questions/concerns.

#### **ACS Athens Mission Statement:**

ACS Athens is a student-centered international school, embracing American educational philosophy, principles and values. Through excellence in teaching and diverse educational experiences, ACS Athens challenges all students to realize their unique potential: academically, intellectually, socially and ethically — to thrive as responsible global citizens.

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