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March 17, 2020

## **Subject- COVID-19 ISK Update #7 ISK Virtual Learning and Kenyan Government Directives**

Dear ISK Community,

As we are all aware of the rapidly changing environment surrounding COVID-19, the new Government of Kenya mandates and travel bans, we want to help ensure the health and safety of our students, employees, and the ISK Community. We all have a role to play to help mitigate the spread of this virus in our school, community, city, and country.

### **ISK Campus Access as per Kenyan Government Directives**

Following the directives given by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta on Sunday, March 15, 2020 (with follow up by the Ministry of Education), with regard to curbing the spread of the Coronavirus in Kenya, all learning institutions in the country were to suspend “on-campus learning” as of March 16, 2020.

After consulting with our administrative team and the Board of Directors, ISK will continue its learning program with our virtual learning program from March 23 through April 15, 2020. **The campus will remain closed for students and parents through April 16, with the plan for students returning to campus for learning on April 16.** We would, therefore, like to inform the ISK Community that ISK’s facilities will remain closed to students, parents, and visitors until April 16.

In short:

- The campus will be closed from March 16 - April 15.
- Learning will continue during this time. Our Virtual Learning Program will begin on Monday, March 23.
- The campus is tentatively scheduled to open for on-campus learning on Thursday, April 16.

### **Virtual Learning**

ISK will implement its online learning right after the March Break, on Monday, March 23 through April 15, 2020. Divisional principals will send out further communications in anticipation of ISK’s Virtual Learning Environment. Please use the following links to access our Student-Parent Virtual Learning Guides. Again, these documents are live documents and may change as we learn and experience more about the situation.

[Elementary School Student-Parent Guide](#)

[Middle / High School Student-Parent Guide](#)

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## **Well-Being Resources**

I understand that you or your children may be experiencing a high degree of uncertainty, worry, and stress about the health and safety of your loved ones. Below, please find pertinent links for you to consider reading about how to support your mental health during this time.

[How to Stay Emotionally Healthy During the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)

[Mental Health and Psychosocial Considerations During COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

[Coronavirus: How to Protect Your Mental Health](#)

[Reassuring Conversations with Children](#)

[Helping children cope with stress during the 2019-nCoV Outbreak](#)

## **Overview of ISK's Plan and Implications**

- Campus remains closed from Monday, March 16, for four and a half weeks. (March Break plus 3.5 weeks)
- Virtual learning will begin on Monday, March 23.
  - All students/parents will need a device and access to the internet for virtual learning.
  - More information about our virtual learning program will be provided via email via division offices.
- At this time, the campus will open for learning on Thursday, April 16.
  - We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates regularly.
- The campus will remain closed, except for essential personnel/teachers not under self-quarantine. No parents or students will be allowed on campus.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Stay Healthy.

Warm Regards,  
David

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