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Subject: COVID-19 ISK Update #17 - ISK Planning for Reopening

Dear ISK Community,

We have several groups who have been meeting and planning for many weeks for how to re-open for 2020-21, from a Crisis Response Team to the Reopening Task Force, adding in additional hours each week with this purpose. We are now at a point where we want to share an initial blueprint with the ISK community in order to get feedback, and invite participation for various stakeholders on the Reopening Task Force.

As we have developed this framework, we thought it might be helpful to share some of the factors and assumptions that have influenced our decision making.

- We will always follow Government of Kenya directives. We will also use scientific information and follow reputable organizations, such as the CDC/WHO to guide our decision making related to health and safety guidelines for our community.
- The health and safety of our community is a top priority.
- There is still some uncertainty with how the pandemic will progress in Kenya (and the world). We will continue to be flexible, responsive, and plan for different scenarios. Additionally, we will need to make changes along the way as new information becomes available and the situation shifts and develops.
- Our best hope is to reopen for face-to-face learning on the ISK campus. We know that some students will not be able to return on campus on September 1 for a variety of reasons, so we will also provide a VLE option for those community members.

Please find an overview of our basic blueprint for reopening ([BLUEPRINT LINK HERE](#)). We will continue to develop the details, such as what schedules will look like, the details of busing and drop off/pick up, the logistics of lunch, co-curriculars, athletics

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and all of the other special aspects of our ISK programming. We've 'borrowed' and adapted from some of the best models and resources available from sites like AAIE and AISA, and from specific schools that are ahead of us on the return-to-school curve, some with students already on campus.

As we make updates, we will continue to share with the community and welcome your feedback.

Please take two minutes to complete [this form to provide us with feedback](#) as we continue to develop the details for our plan for reopening. There is also an opportunity at the end of the feedback form to put forward your name if you are interested in being a part of the Reopening Task Force.

We will also be hosting a Planning for Reopening Webinar 5pm on Thursday, June 4 for additional feedback.

Kind regards,
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