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Subject: COVID-19 Update #21

Dear ISK Community,

I hope you are finding rest and relaxation this summer in a world that is experiencing far too little of that at the moment.

Last week, the Government of Kenya announced schools will be closed until January 2021, and we communicated that same day that we are trying to seek clarification for what that means for ISK. We are still in the process of doing so and will update you when we have definitive information. ISK will, of course, be following GoK directives as they apply. ISK has, and continues to, support the Government of Kenya in their fight against Covid-19 for the welfare of all of those who call Kenya home.

I want to assure you that, at a minimum, ISK will continue to offer a robust Virtual Learning Program beginning September 1st. While we pivoted quickly as a community to VLE last March, this experience has helped us find ways to engage children to make learning in this environment the most positive and enriching experience. With our virtual program, we will continue to offer synchronous and asynchronous learning for students that are located around the world. We are continuing to scenario plan for various possibilities beyond our full Virtual Learning Environment, looking at how we can support and model those efforts and meet the needs of our range of community members in a safe environment.

Moreover, while we are still on break, I would like to encourage you to take advantage of ISK community resources. Regardless of your current location, we have two more weeks of a virtual summer camp that has seen more than 100 students participate. We hope this allows children to see friends & familiar faces, be engaged, and be creatively or intellectually stimulated. Session 3 will run from July 20th to 24th and Session 4 from July 27th to 31st. [HERE](#) you can find the schedule for both sessions.

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The sign-up form is now closed, however if you missed out and still want to enroll your child, please email Eddie Otieno (eotieno@isk.ac.ke) or Pato Saenz (psaenz@isk.ac.ke) to express your interest. Mr. Otieno and Dr. Saenz will assist you in enrolling your child in the program. Or, if you are in Nairobi or heading back to Nairobi in the upcoming weeks, please take advantage of our [library book program](#) and participate in the [summer reading program](#) where there are weekly challenges.

We know this is a hard time and that there are questions we all have regarding how specifically this upcoming semester will look. We have read all of your emails and will keep you up-to-date whenever we have something more concrete to share.

Warm Regards,
David

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