

The American International School of Jeddah

August 20, 2020



Dear Parents, Students, and Friends of AISJ,

All of us at AISJ are excited to welcome you to the 2020-2021 academic year. We cannot wait to meet with you on Sunday to let you know about our plans and how we will help your children grow in their academic and personal lives. You should have already received some schedules and they are linked below for your convenience. In addition, please find our virtual learning guidelines published in an article below.

Over the last week, the teachers and support staff have put the finishing touches on an extraordinary plan to begin the academic year online. Our focus is to create a strong academic environment, support students in their social-emotional learning, and provide time for engaging activities. We typically are able to meet these goals face to face with students but that is just impossible now. The pressures of the pandemic are allowing us to reinvent

what education might look like as we learn, adapt, and create new opportunities for student achievement. We are truly in a time of productive disequilibrium as we learn on the go and implement thoughtful practices.

This year we want to stress the importance of continued open communication with parents. If you have questions or concerns about any of your child's classes, feel free to reach out directly to teachers through email or visit one of their "office hours" on Tuesdays. AISJ is and will remain strong thanks to the combined efforts of families and teachers.

Looking Forward,

Robert S. Jackson



Dates to Remember

August 23 : Student Orientation Day

August 24-27 : First Week of School

[2020-21 Calendar](#)

Virtual Learning Guide

The AISJ Virtual Learning Program allows AISJ teachers to provide instruction in the case of school closure and to maintain the momentum established in the classroom.

To learn more about our Virtual Learning plan and student expectations, please review our [Virtual Learning Guide](#).



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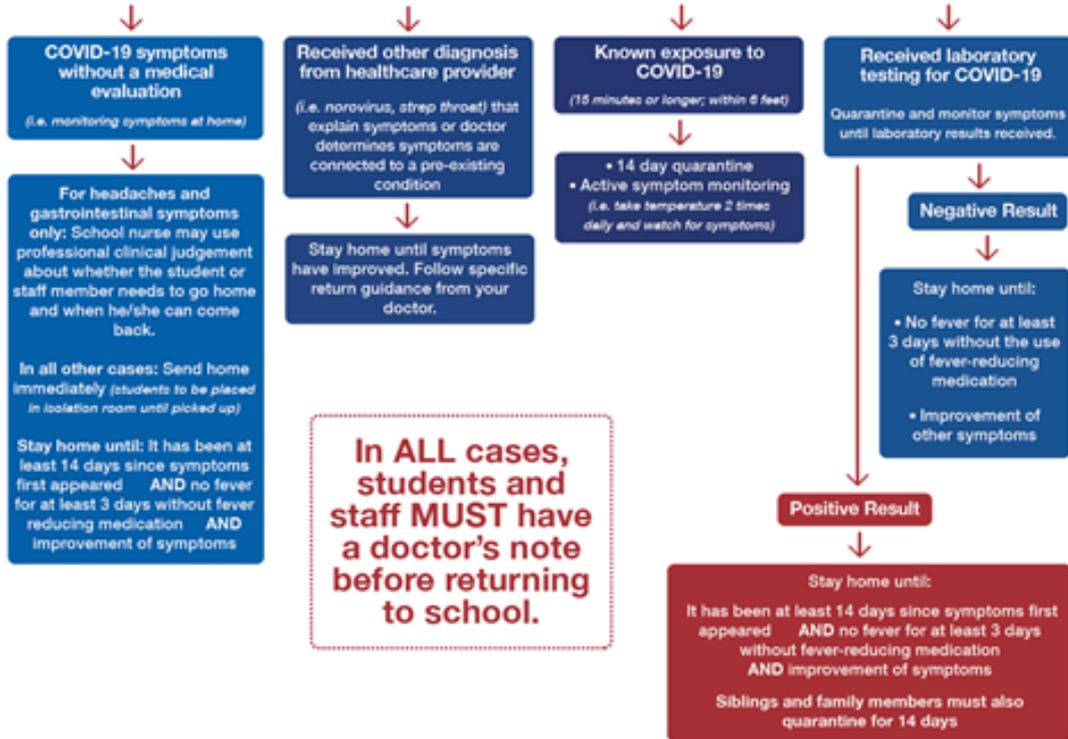


COVID-19 DECISION TREE

Does the student or staff member exhibit one or more of the following symptoms of COVID-19?

One of the following: New onset cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing, Fever (100° F / 37.8° C or higher) and/or chills
Two or more of the following: Sore throat, Muscle or body ache (not related to physical overexertion), Congestion and runny nose, Loss of sense of smell or taste, Gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea, Headache

IF YES, PLEASE SELECT THE STATEMENT THAT BEST FITS YOUR SITUATION.



*The MOH or AISJ may require school closure for a certain number of days depending on the number of COVID-19 cases in the school for cleaning and disinfection of the building or exposed areas.
*The information on this document is subject to change pending all future announcements from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education.

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Health & Wellness Update

Our administration has been working closely with our school nurse and other healthcare professionals to create a set of guidelines to help keep our school community safe. We ask that you and your family use this Decision Tree before coming on to campus, for any reason.

To download a copy of this Decision Tree, please click on the image to the right, or [click here](#).

Parent Webinar Series

Join parents across the NESAs region to hear from distinguished specialists and to explore and learn new

strategies in support of your child as a learner.

If you are interested in attending, please [click here](#) to register.

[More Information](#)



Parents as Partners

AN EIGHT-PART WEBINAR SERIES FOR SCHOOL PARENTS

SEPTEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 8, 2020 | EVERY 2ND TUESDAY, 4:00-5:00pm
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WITH

MICHAEL THOMPSON · JOY MARCHESE · JENNIFER ABRAMS · SEAN TRUMAN ·
HOMA TAVANGAR · ERIC DOZIER · ERMA ANDERSON

Additional information about the Parents as Partners webinar series, including the ZOOM link, will be announced in a future newsletter.

Elementary School Update

We can't wait to see everyone at Orientation on Sunday! Please [click here](#) to see the ES Student Orientation Schedule.



Middle School Update

This year, Middle School parents can find all important communications on our new [Falcon's Den](#). Just as a reminder for those parents that did not receive our orientation letter for Sunday, please have a look at it [here](#).

We can't wait to see you Sunday!

High School Update

Please find our welcome letter [here](#) with schedule information and other important links

This year at the High School, 4 new courses will be piloted that will be a first for Saudi Arabia, the Middle East, and most International Schools. After working closely with College Board in the 2019-2020 School Year, AISJ qualified to pilot their Pre-AP Curriculum for the next three years. These accelerated courses are designed to prepare students for the rigors of the AP program and ultimately university. Pre-AP Geometry with Statistics, Pre-AP Algebra, Pre-AP English 2, and Pre-AP Biology will be taught this year, followed by Pre-AP English 1 and Pre-AP Chemistry for the 2021-22 School Year.

HIGH SCHOOL

Want to learn more information? Contact the High School Office to learn more about how our students are getting prepped a step above the rest!



Car Stickers

Click [here](#) to get your new car ID sticker for the upcoming school year. Remember that ID stickers are required for faster entry onto the school grounds. Kindly fill out one form per family. The School will distribute up to three car-stickers per family. If your family requires more than three car-stickers, please send a request to our security office at:

aalotaibi@aisj.edu.sa

lkhalaf@aisj.edu.sa

Transportation Announcement



Please click [here](#) to provide contact information for your compound van, bus, or car. Your help ensures that we will be able to distribute materials (safety posters, for example) and directions to drivers in a timely manner.



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