



November 13, 2020

Subject: ISK COVID-19 Update - Grade 8 Returns & Construction Project Update - 2020-11-14

Dear ISK Community,

I wanted to share with you a couple of pieces of news as we head into a well deserved weekend. I hope all of you are continuing to keep safe and staying healthy. Please find updates below.

Grade 8 Returns to Face-to-Face Learning on Monday, November 16

The Grade 8 positive student case and other community cases shared last week, which we understand were contracted off campus, have had no additional transmission within our community. Our health team is applying comprehensive contact tracing procedures and also taking some steps out of an abundance of caution in the interest of public/community health. We have had few positive cases in our student community and we are not seeing transmission coming from school. Through our contact tracing, the suspected cases have returned negative tests and our team is confident that Grade 8 students and their siblings can return to campus safely. Based on the review by our health team, Grades 5, 8, 11 and 12 will continue with the on campus face-to-face learning option on Monday, November 16. Please check in with your division offices if you would like to have your child(ren) in the approved grade levels return to campus after choosing to have them at home during the Phase 1 reopening.

For your information, the school has already thoroughly disinfected all Grade 8 learning spaces, as outlined in the [COVID-19 Handbook V2](#) to ensure that all of those on campus are working within a safe environment.

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Phase 2 Update

We know that many families are waiting to hear more specific information from us about our Phase 2 plan in light of recent information from the Kenyan government. We have no new information from the MoE about the possibility of opening Phase 2 before January 2021. We appreciate your understanding as we adjust our plans and prepare more specific information which we will hopefully be able to share within the next couple weeks.

Middle School Building Construction Will Be Completed In Mid-December

We are excited to announce that the Middle School Building and High School Science Lab construction project is on schedule to be completed by mid-December. The completion of this major project will increase ISK's capacity to serve our students with modern, spacious, purpose built facilities, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be starting the new year in these new facilities when we return to campus in January. I would like to give advance thanks to our Project Manager, Moez Jiwani, and our Project Liaison, Drew Gregor, for their constant successful oversight of such a complex building project. Note we are planning a building dedication later in the second semester.

I am wishing all of you a relaxing weekend and thank you for your continued support of our hard-working faculty and staff.

Sincerely,

David G. Henry

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