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For Immediate Release [DRAFT]

[School to extend suspension of onsite instruction on campuses by one week following Covid-19 positive test of two faculty members]

MARCH 12, 2021 HONG KONG – Two members of faculty at The Harbour School (THS) have tested positive for Covid-19.

The school received the news earlier today, March 12, 2021, of the first member of faculty tested positive due to attending a gym linked to a Covid-19 outbreak. In the last hour, the school has received information of another member of faculty, not linked to the gym but a close contact of the first member of faculty, to be preliminary positive.

Given the rapid development of cases in gyms which has widely impacted the international school community over the last 48 hours, the school has decided it will extend the closure of its three campuses to March 19, with the potential of extending the suspension by a further week to March 26.

Classes will continue virtually during campus closure.

All three campuses have been closed since March 11, 2021 as a precautionary measure. A professional sanitisation company, Electro Hygiene Solution Limited, has been contracted to deep clean all three campuses.

The school has informed its parents and community today by email. It will hold a virtual meeting for parents on the morning of Monday, March 15 to address concerns.

The school is in constant communication with the Education Bureau as well as other school Heads and Health Coordinators/Nurses.

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We will be following any advice from the Center for Health Protection with regards to staff testing and staff who interacted with the confirmed case have gone for the required testing, with negative results.

As of this notice, the school has not received any mandate from either the EDB or the CHP to suspend face to face classes beyond a short term closure for deep cleaning, although the possibility of a 14 day closure was advised in [the recent press conference](#) held on March 11th by the Secretary for Food and Health, the Head of Communicable Diseases and the Chief Manager of the Hospital Authority. This press conference may be accessed in Chinese or English in the link above.

Background

One faculty member attended Ursus Gym on March 1 and 8 were identified by CHP as close contacts on Wednesday, 10 March. The faculty member who returned a positive test this morning is currently in a government hospital.

Members of staff and students who had interacted with the two faculty members were notified and encouraged to test.

Please also refer to March 11, 2021 press release ([link here](#)) for information.

Onsite Covid-19 preventative measures

The school has been extremely cautious, following all CHP guidelines to safeguard the health of all our students and staff, since re-opening its campuses for onsite schooling on February 22, 2021. All students, staff and faculty members are required to test their daily temperature at home and again at school, wear a mask at all times while social distancing and disinfecting hands and workstations as routine.

THS maintains enhanced cleaning and safety protocols on all its campuses in accordance with CHP's guidelines of Covid-19 preventative measures. These include:

- Mandatory mask wearing and social distancing on all school campuses.
- Daily temperature checks before leaving for work and upon arriving on campus.

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- Heightened emphasis on staying home, should staff be exhibiting symptoms of illness.

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