



## COVID-19 SCHOOL OPENING PLAN

Our approach to the 2020-2021 school year will be guided by information from the CDC and MDH. While there is no way to guarantee an academic year free of the risk of COVID-19, we will have the right plans in place to keep our ISM community as safe as possible.

### General: Planning for Fall Opening

1. Created a TEAM to work proactively to plan the opening of the school and safely resuming all aspects of life on campus.
2. The objectives for this team are to:
  - a. Develop on-campus operating practices that will be strictly followed.
  - b. Create a respectful culture where people wear masks when in close proximity to others and in public areas in the school. (CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain).

### CDC Guidelines

There are 4 main categories

1. Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing and employees wearing a cloth face covering, as feasible
2. Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation
3. Encourage social distancing through increased spacing, small groups, and limited mixing between groups, as feasible
4. Train all employees on health and safety protocols

### Specific Measures based on CDC & MHD Guidelines

1. **Temperature checks** on entry to the school – We will staff 4 dedicated entrances to the school (one for each grade-level cohort) and check students on arrival, avoiding queues which threaten social distancing.
2. **Travel and health declarations** – We maintain strict adherence to our travel policy (including the Health Declaration Form). This is done before the student returns to campus.
3. **Masks** – Worn at all times in indoor public areas, except if you are alone in your own classroom or office.
4. **Social distancing in classes** – Determine classroom capacity to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet.
5. **Measures to avoid contamination** – Have a receptacle for equipment that has been used and needs sanitizing.
6. **Social distancing in meetings** – Plan to use the PAC to allow for social distancing, rather than gathering in common room areas.
7. **Social distancing at meal times** – We have reorganized our cafeteria tables (seating) who will have lunch (scheduling)
8. Maintain regular, thorough **hand-washing and sanitizing**
9. **Outdoor activities encouraged** – Creative games which support maintaining social distancing
10. **Stepped-up health and hygiene measures** hand washing, sanitizer dispensers, disinfecting wipes in every classroom
11. **Class size** – Depending on room capacity to maintain 6 feet apart

## In the event that we have a case of COVID-19

We have established a protocol for campus access during the Covid-19 crisis based on the principle that the school will only allow people onto the site who are at least three degrees of separation from a confirmed case.

**Suspected/confirmed case:** Confirmed cases must alert the appropriate authorities and the school as soon as possible. Confirmed cases must not come onto a school campus until they are given clearance by a physician.

- **One degree of Separation:** Anyone who has been in close contact\* with someone who is a confirmed case, should alert the school and not attend campus for 14 days symptom-free, or until such time that the person has official clearance.\*\*
- **Two degrees of Separation:** Anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has been in close contact with someone who is a confirmed case, then they should alert the school and not attend campus for 14 days symptom-free, or until such time that the person you met is cleared.
- **Three degrees of Separation:** Anyone who has not been in close contact with anyone who is a confirmed case, or anyone who has been in close contact with such a person, may attend campus. However, employees should see a doctor and stay away from campus if they present with any symptoms (cough, sore throat, fever).

\* Close contact is defined as within 6 feet of another person for at least 15 minutes at one time (Source: CDC, June 17)

\*\* "Official clearance"/"all clear" refer to submitting a negative COVID-19 test result or a physician's report stating you are cleared to return to work on campus

## Illness and Exclusion Policy: Degrees of Separation

Confirmed Case of Covid-19	1 Degree of Separation	2 Degrees of Separation	3 Degrees of Separation
<b>Covid-19 Positive</b>	<b>Covid-19 Quarantine tested result unknown</b>	<b>Met Quarantine Testing</b>	<b>Not Met Quarantine Testing</b>
Citizen A has a confirmed case of the virus	Citizen B is the son of Citizen A, he has had contact with a confirmed case and/or has been quarantined and tested - Result Unknown	Student or Staff Member A has had contact with Citizen B (i.e. someone who has been tested and/or quarantined, but the result is unknown)	Student B is the brother if Student or Staff Member A - he has not had contact with anyone who has been tested and/or quarantined
<b>Not allowed into school</b>	<b>Not allowed into school</b>	<b>Not allowed into school</b>	<b>Allowed into school</b>
No return until receives the all clear	No return until receives the all clear or 14 days no symptoms	No return until either Student / Staff Member A receives the all clear of 14 days no symptoms	