



COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Our priority is the safety of our students and our staff team at ISZ. Our practices stem from advice and guidelines from the Tanzania Ministry of Health, Medical professionals in our community, the WHO and the CDC.

The Pandemic Committee (PC)

The Head of School
Teacher representatives
Board Members

The PC is responsible for clarity and communication regarding the school-wide expectations, protocols and practices at school. Our responsibility is to work towards reducing risk at school and constantly be informed of the everchanging covid situation in our community. A responsive school community will ensure that we are informed of the covid situation in our community.

ISZ PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Vaccination

We encourage vaccination for staff.

Travellers

Parents and Students travelling from abroad are required to follow the travel protocols as shared by the Ministry of Health upon their arrival in Zanzibar.

Visitors to our campus

Limit visitors to our campus. For those who must visit, masks and temperature checks are mandatory.

Temperature Screening

There is temperature screening upon arrival at school. This will be administered by the Security Guard. All visitors to campus must have their temperature taken.

Anyone with a temperature of 37.8 C or higher will be asked to go to the office for additional confirmation of the raised temperature.

Masks

All adults entering the campus must wear a mask. Masks are to be worn in the classroom by our Secondary students. Masks are voluntary for Secondary students when they are outside. Students are to take responsibility for their social distancing.

Teachers will be wearing masks, and can make the professional judgement to 'unmask' when teaching provided they remain socially distanced from the class. When a teacher approaches a group of students or becomes engaged in one on one discussion with a student at close range, teachers will then 'mask up.'

Students, parents and teachers are to provide their own masks. A small number of spare masks will be kept to replace damaged or lost masks.

The Head of School is to be informed if there is any legitimate reason why a secondary student is unable to wear a mask at school.

Masks should fit 'snugly'. Cloth masks are to be cleaned regularly.

Physical distancing

During lessons, teachers will do their best within their classroom environment to arrange the student desks to be spaced to allow maximum distance between students. Students should face one way as opposed to facing each other. Students should take personal responsibility for their safety and maintain a safe distance from their peers, where they are able to.

Maximum ventilation is practiced by leaving doors open and using the ceiling fans and keeping windows open during lessons. Teachers are encouraged (weather permitting) to conduct lessons outside.

Students are to maintain safe distancing during line up.

When a larger group of students is gathered, the stage will be used.

Teachers monitor the number of students going to the bathroom at the same time.

During break time students have the benefit of playing in a spacious playground area. Teachers on duty must monitor the safe distancing between students.

Hand washing and sanitizing

Everyone entering the campus in the morning will have to sanitize their hands.

Handwashing will occur throughout the day.

There will be tissues, hand sanitizer, hand soap, surface-cleaning soap and cloths in the classroom.

Enhanced cleaning procedures and disinfecting of commonly touched surfaces will be ongoing.

What parents can do from home

If your child is not well, keep them at home. Do not send them back to school until they have fully recovered and they feel well.

Covid-19 symptoms appear to be changing, but the key symptoms to look out for are:

- coughing
- headache
- sore throat
- tiredness and muscle ache
- stomach pains and diarrhoea

If your child has had close contact with someone with Covid-19, do not send him/her to school.

Please reinforce safety measures at home like; physical distancing, hand sanitizing, sneezing into your elbow, no shaking hands etc.

Our teenagers may be keen to socialise a lot, particularly over the weekends. This could potentially pose a threat to your child becoming infected and bring the virus home and to school.

ISZ RESPONSE TO A CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19

An unwell student or staff member should not be at school.

The parents will be called to come and collect the student. Parents should follow the following procedure:

Take your child straight home.

Contact the doctor for an appointment or describe symptoms to the doctor on the phone.

The doctor may advise making an appointment to have a Covid-19 test done.

Child to self-isolate at home.

If a test is done, INFORM THE CLASS TEACHER OR HOMEROOM TEACHER WHETHER THE TEST IS POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE. The parents of the students in the class will receive an email to say that there has been a positive test result in the class. The child will remain in isolation at home.

The class will undergo a deep clean by the cleaning team.

The confidentiality of affected students and families will be maintained.

If a student is absent from school as they are not well

Parents must please inform the class teacher or home room teacher if their child has been sent for a Covid-19 test.

The student may return to school if the test is negative or if he/she has been cleared by the doctor to return.

If an unvaccinated student or staff member has been exposed to a positive family member the student will need to self isolate for at least 7 days (return to school symptom free) OR after a period of 5 days of isolation take a test and return to school with proof of a negative test and clearance by the doctor to return to school. This is applicable to students who are five years and older.

Being exposed or in close contact means that you have been within 6 feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes within a 24 hour window within 2 days prior to illness or positive test result.

When a member of staff feels ill at school or at home or has a close family member test positive, the same guidelines are to be followed.

Support Team - cleaners, gardeners, maintenance and security staff

Members of this team will report to Operations Manager if they are feeling unwell.

The team member will inform the Operations Manager if a Covid-19 test has been done and what the result is.

The Pandemic Committee

The PC meets regularly to review the current situation with the most recent, updated data.

Any changes to our routines will be communicated timeously to our parents and students.

Please note that these protocols may change at a moment's notice. We will continue to keep our community informed about Covid-19 and precautions in English and soon to be in Swahili.

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Sources:

Pandemic Committee
AISA Schools' protocols