

American International School of Nouakchott
Mauritania, West Africa

Preparing students to become responsible global citizens.

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Dear AISN Parents:

I want to continue to keep you updated on our efforts to keep your children safe during this worldwide COVID19 (coronavirus) outbreak.

We have implemented new disinfectant protocols for AISN:

- When everyone enters campus, they will need to “Gel In” by using hand sanitizer gel provided at the school’s gate. No one will be allowed access to AISN without using the hand sanitizer.
- All students will “Gel In, Gel Out” when they move between classrooms. This means they’ll use hand sanitizer as they enter a room and as they exit it.
- All high use surfaces will be sanitized with disinfectant twice a day. This includes doorknobs, desks, computer keyboards, and bathroom faucets.

AISN’s protocol requires that anyone who travels to a CDC Level 3 country observe a mandatory 14-day leave of absence from campus. The 14 days begin on the day after their return to Nouakchott. This protocol is for everyone seeking access to AISN campus including staff, students, parents, nannies and drivers. **As of today, the countries on CDC’s Level 3 status are China, Italy, South Korea and Iran. This list may change daily and AISN will use the current list.**

Students that have a fever must remain at home for 24 hours after the end of the fever to reduce their chance of spreading illness and give their bodies time to recover.

Preparations in case learning needs to move to online: All teachers are preparing an online classroom on the small chance we would need to close school for a short while. For many students and parents, this is the site they access frequently and there will be little change.

By Friday, March 6th:

- All parents in grades PreK through 3 will have received instructions on how they can access the learning site, ClassDojo, for their children.
- All students in grade 4 through 12 will have practiced accessing their Google Classroom or Canvas class sites.

We ask that all parents verify that their children have access to the required sites as this would be their means of communication were school to close and learning move online.

COVID19 (Coronavirus) Information Resources

To learn more about the coronavirus and what you can do to protect yourself, please go to the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> and the WHO website <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Based on the CDC's website, symptoms that may appear 2-14 days after exposure are:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

The CDC recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

I will continue to update you as I have new information. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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