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Dear AISCT Community,

With as fast as the news around Covid-19 continues to evolve, it leaves one with the feeling of whiplash each morning, trying to stay up-to-date on the latest developments. Our break is coming at a good time, time for us to catch our collective breath and plan for the next phase. With K-12 schools and universities across the entire United States and Europe going to virtual models, it is a sign of what is likely to occur here.

The CDC has added 28 new countries to a Level 3 Health Alert. More information can be found [here](#). Anyone traveling to/from the following countries are not allowed on campus until 14 days after returning and remaining symptom free:

- Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City
- This is in addition to the other countries previously listed: China, South Korea, Japan, Iran, and Italy

There is no way to predict where South Africa will be in ten days. At this point in time, it is prudent to plan for all scenarios. Please note the following:

- A separate email will go out this morning to track any international travel in the month of March. Please add your details if you or anyone in your immediate family has traveled internationally or will travel internationally in the month of March. A direct link to the survey is here: [International Travel Log for AISCT Community Members](#) (March 01 - March 31, 2020)
- Teachers are instructing students, as age-appropriate, to bring home educational materials and resources in case the school goes to our virtual learning program following the holiday.
- **IF** it is decided that AISCT is to go to virtual learning following the holiday, the most likely scenario is that staff will report as normal and work from school, practicing social distancing and appropriate hygiene practices. Students would still be able to come in after the holiday to collect items, but no classes would take place, and we would run our virtual program. **IF** we go this direction, the first two days back (Monday and Tuesday) would be preparation for teachers and we would launch into our virtual learning program on the Wednesday. Please know, nothing is confirmed at this point.

There are far more questions than answers right now. A team of educators are coming in next week to finalize the virtual learning plan and prepare for the various possible outcomes. Thank you for keeping a calm and reassuring tone with your children. There is no need to panic; this is simply prudent planning during this unprecedented time.

The School Council and School Board are communicating on a daily basis and will ultimately make the call regarding if/when we move to a virtual learning program. Communication will continue from the school over the holiday period to provide updates to our response measures.

Kind regards,

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