

Canadian International School of Hong Kong

Head of School

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Dear CDNIS Community,

I write to give a brief update and share the latest information we have on the unfolding COVID-19 situation here in Hong Kong and its impact on our community.

We are pleased to report that 100% of the students whose family members or close contacts had tested positive last week have now received negative test results. Three families have reported that their children, despite testing negative, remain in mandatory government quarantine with a parent. Furthermore, a staff member who had been categorized as a close contact within his climbing group outside of school has also tested negative, and will remain in quarantine for the remainder of the week. Several staff and parents were tested because they live in buildings with a confirmed case, and so far all the results reported to us have been negative. Obviously we continue to monitor the situation closely on an hourly and daily basis and will keep you updated.

At this time our goal is to re-open the campus on **Monday, March 22** using the same scale and schedule of the hybrid model that has been in place since February. Should that change we will endeavour to let you know before the upcoming weekend. The campus was fumigated again on Sunday (we do this every two weeks as a matter of course) and is currently undergoing additional detailed, deep and thorough cleaning floor by floor. Our ultimate intention is to bring all students back for face-to-face classes as soon as possible, ideally immediately after the April break; to that end, we are working on a modified version of the am/pm model that was shared last week incorporating suggestions made by students, staff and parents. Please be reminded that EDB may change the criteria for face-to-face class resumption at any time, and we will remain vigilant.

We understand the stress the volatile situation has placed on everyone and continue to appreciate the candour of families who have self-reported their health situation to us. Until now, CDNIS has not been contacted by EDB or CHP and our decision to remain in remote learning mode this week is simply based on a genuine concern for the ongoing safety, health and wellbeing of all our staff and students.

Please be on alert for the Student Health Declaration form to be sent out from each division which should be updated and completed before your child returns to campus. I will be in touch again before the end of the week.

Best,
祝安康！



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