



Coronavirus Update 8

(19 February 2020)

The Ministerial Taskforce on COVID-19 now requires all travellers returning from Mainland China after 18 February to be issued a **Stay Home Notice (SHN) for 14 days**. This is a tighter requirement than a LOA, as a person on SHN is not allowed to leave the home for any reason. Students on SHN are to be contacted each day by the school to ascertain their whereabouts and check that they have not left their home. There are penalties for people caught breaching the SHN. The various categories are summarised as follows:

Categories	Remarks
Confirmed	<i>For students/staff tested positive for COVID-19 by MOH.</i>
Home Quarantine Order (HQO)	<i>For students/staff who have returned from Hubei, and for those in close contact with a confirmed case. Issued by MOH.</i>
[NEW] Stay Home Notice (SHN)	<i>For students/staff returning from Mainland China other than Hubei, with effect <u>from</u> 18 Feb 2359 hrs. Issued by ICA.</i>
Leave of Absence (LOA) [Travel]	<i>For students/staff who returned from Mainland China <u>before</u> 18 Feb 2359 hrs. Issued by MOE.</i>
[NEW] Leave of Absence (LOA) [Confirmed]	<i>For students/staff who are in close contact with confirmed cases but are not on HQO. Issued by MOE.</i>

The new SHN has implications for our school community, particularly those who are considering travel in the March holidays.

The school has agreed the following:

1. Any student returning late from Mainland China from now on will be issued with a SHN. The school will continue to support any late arrivals via e-learning, and check on their location via the Assistant IPC.
2. Any student who returns to Mainland China after today, and who subsequently returns to Singapore and is placed on SHN, will not be provided with e-learning support (unless the travel is due to an emergency and is approved by the Principal).
3. All school community members, especially students and staff, are very strongly advised to not travel to Mainland China until the current COVID-19 precautions and advisory notices are lifted due to the consequences, and potential risks, resulting from such travel. In the unlikely event of staff or students wishing to travel to Mainland China, they must complete a travel declaration form and talk to the Principal about the proposed travel before any bookings are made. This is to ensure that the traveller is aware of the consequences of travel including SHN and the impact on the rest of the school community.

4. All students and staff will complete a new travel declaration form before Term 2 starts on 23 March. Further details in due course.
5. Staff and students planning to travel in the March holidays are urged to check travel advisories for that country before booking. Obviously, staff and students who are placed on LOA or SHN as a result of a change to travel advisory whilst travelling will not be penalised by the school.
6. At this time we are not looking to change school hours or staff hours of work. We would like to keep to normal routines as much as possible. We have agreed to review these timings for Term 2 if the situation at that time warrants change, or at any other time if directed by MoE or MoH.

Best wishes

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Principal