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Dear BIS Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The health and safety of our students and staff is always our highest priority. This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together in the safest way possible. Part of our community responsibility is to be as transparent as possible regarding the cases; hence why we created the [COVID dashboard](#). If you review the updates, you will see that we have 5 staff members who have tested positive recently. Each of them are following the MOH & CDC guidelines and since we have not been on campus, there has been minimal impact to our school operations. We encourage you as a community to report any cases that you have within your family. As a reminder, below are the steps to reduce the risk of COVID-19.

- Daily Screenings: COVID-19 Symptoms are on the [CDC website](#). Continue to complete MyMedBot for your child(ren) each morning prior to school arrival.
- Don't send your child(ren) to school if:
 - They had recent close contact with someone who has COVID-19.
 - They are waiting for PCR test results.
 - Your child(ren) were recently diagnosed with COVID-19.
 - A family member is sick with COVID-19 symptoms.
 - All siblings need to remain home when symptoms are present.
- Call the school's reception or school nurses and leave a detailed message when you keep your child(ren) home or when they tested positive for COVID.
- Monitor your child(ren) for symptoms. A negative PCR will be required for your child(ren) whose symptoms are improving to return to school.
- Be prepared to pick your child(ren) in case your child(ren) become sick at school.
- A doctor note will be required if your child(ren) are absent more than one day.
- Masks are required at school. Please keep extra masks in your child(ren) backpack.

We encourage you to register your child(ren) ages 5 and above [here](#) for COVID vaccination. Just a reminder for students 12 years and older, please send your vaccination certificate to the nursing staff: antony.delecta@bis.edu.kw and heba.abouharb@bis.edu.kw. Students 12 and older who are not vaccinated, a weekly negative PCR will be required in order to attend in-person learning.

As we near the start to in-person learning, we encourage our community to take a PCR test before coming back to school. This is not a requirement but it is strongly encouraged. Please feel free to contact us for questions.

We look forward to our ongoing partnership with you as we work together to keep our students safe. The more partnership we have as a school community, the less risk we all share.

Sincerely,

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