

## Emergency and Crisis Management Procedures

# Infectious Outbreak

### 7.1 Risk Levels and School Response

When an infectious outbreak occurs, we use the following sites to help us make informed decisions regarding the risk level:

- [CDC Twitter Link](#)
- [WHO Twitter Link](#)
- [CDC Travel Health Notices](#)
- [CDC Health Care Professional Advise](#)
- [WHO Advice for the Public](#)
- [US Embassy Security & Emergency Message Page](#)
- [Public Health England](#)
- [Bangladesh Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research](#)

AISD relies on CDC, WHO, and regional health authorities for support to help determine the appropriate risk level. If a higher risk for an infectious disease outbreak in Bangladesh is determined, AISD will move to the appropriate level.

The Superintendent will convene the Crisis Response Team to determine if the risk level should be changed or adjusted.

Appropriate signage will be placed at entrances to school for all risk levels 2 and greater.

#### Risk Level 1 (Low Risk)

- No confirmed cases in AISD community
- Very few reported cases in Bangladesh
- Risk of spread to Bangladesh remains low
- Some regional countries declare a public health emergency

#### School Actions:

##### 1. Communication

- a. FHP doctor weekly update in the Tiger Tribune with a focus based on the latest medical information.
- b. Communications Office sends out an email to parents regarding the school's response.

##### 2. Teaching and Learning

- a. Teachers will instruct health and hygiene habits to all students.
- b. Students will be instructed to frequently wash their hands.

##### 3. Health Office

- a. FHP doctor weekly update in the Tiger Tribune with a focus based on the latest medical information.
- b. School nurse will send a reminder of the school medical exclusion policy directly to parents.
- c. Parents will be required to inform the school if their child presents with symptoms at home
- d. School nurse to liaise with FHP
- e. Hand sanitizer will continue to be made available in all classrooms.
- f. [Continue to enforce our current school medical exclusion policy](#)
- g. Members of the AISD community will be required to inform the school if they or anyone they have been in contact with have been to the infectious disease area in the last 14 days.

##### 4. General Services

- a. Increased frequency of disinfection in high-use surfaces.

##### 5. Cafeteria Staff

- a. We are currently following the health and safety procedures and guidelines instructed by the U.S.

## **Risk Level 2 (Moderate Risk)**

- A limited number of confirmed infectious disease cases in Dhaka and Bangladesh.
- Travel advisories to Bangladesh recommended by WHO, CDC, or government authorities (CDC Level 2).
- No AISD students, families, faculty or staff identified with the infectious disease.
- Average student attendance remains high, 90-100%.
- Infectious disease behavior/contagiousness remains unchanged.

### **School Actions: In addition to all Risk Level 1 actions, the following will apply:**

#### **1. Communication**

- a. The Communications office will notify the community regarding increased risk levels and the appropriate actions to be taken.
- b. Members of the AISD community will be required to inform the school if they or anyone they have been in contact with have been to the infectious disease area in the last 14 days and /or if they have potential travel plans to these areas.

#### **2. Teaching and Learning**

- a. Scheduled and monitored handwashing in all divisions.
- b. More frequent virtual day planning.

#### **3. Health Office**

- a. FHP reviews and implements CDC recommendations appropriately.
- b. Continue to remind and enforce school exclusion policy for students, staff, and parents. All are reminded to follow recommendations for remaining home if they have symptoms.

#### **4. General Services**

- a. Increases frequency in disinfection of all classrooms, offices, and school buses
- b. Increased availability of hand sanitizers in common areas.

#### **5. Cafeteria Staff**

- a. Continue Level 1 procedures.

## **Risk Level 3 (Medium Risk):**

- Few confirmed infectious disease cases with direct contact within the AISD community.
- No confirmed cases that have accessed campus.
- Increased community spread of the infectious disease in Dhaka area.
- Average student attendance below 80 – 90%
- Increasing evidence of potential restrictions on airline travel / other forms of international public transportation.
- Infectious disease behavior / contagiousness changes to a higher risk level.

### **School Actions: In addition to all prior Risk Level actions, the following will apply:**

#### **1. Communication**

- a. Nurse's office will send an email directly to community members stating that people exhibiting symptoms will not be allowed on campus.
- b. The Crisis Response Team will convene frequently to assess risk level(s)
- c. Any person(s) with direct contact with a confirmed case, will not be allowed on AISD campus for 14 days and must receive medical clearance prior to being allowed back on campus.

#### **2. Teaching and Learning**

- a. The campus is restricted only to students, staff, and parents (outside school visits and games are canceled, campus membership is suspended).
- b. Virtual Day may be implemented, see general services below

#### **3. Health Office**

- a. FHP staff members are responsible for accompanying patients to and from Gate 2. Masks are provided to patients with concerning symptoms.

- b. Assistant nurse in office full time as additional health support. Additional health protocols put in place.
- 4. General Services**
  - a. Deep cleaning will be implemented over Virtual Day and access to facilities will be limited and/or closed
  - b. All students riding the bus will be required to wear a mask
- 5. Cafeteria Staff**
  - a. Deep cleaning implemented in the cafeteria

### **Risk Level 4 (High Risk):**

- Spread of confirmed infectious disease cases within the AISD community.
- Confirmed infectious disease cases quickly increasing in Dhaka and Bangladesh area.
- Government directs that schools be closed.
- Evidence that hospitals are unable to manage or meet health care needs related to the infectious disease.
- Evidence of restricted airline travel or major travel restrictions.
- Staffing and attendance issues at AISD.

### **School Actions:**

- 1. Communication**
  - a. Communication will be sent out informing stakeholders of school closure and procedures.
  - b. Updates will be sent out as needed
- 2. Teaching and Learning**
  - a. Campus will be closed except for FHP health services and Virtual School will be implemented
- 3. Health Office**
  - a. FHP continues to be open for non-infectious disease outbreaks and hours may be extended as needed to serve the community
- 4. General Services**
  - a. Schedule and plans are made for eventual reopening.
- 5. Cafeteria Staff**
  - a. Schedule and plans are made for eventual reopening.