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Subject: Preventative measures against the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear: Private School Licensees

As per the WHO (World Health Organization) announcement that the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is an international public health emergency and the Ministry of Public Health announcement updating the number of COVID-19 infected patients, reporting that from 5 January until 22 February 2020 (7:00 am), the number of confirmed infected patients around the world was 77,286 people with 2,252 deaths, and 75,903 of these cases and 2,237 of these deaths in China.

In order to monitor and prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Office of the Private Education Commission therefore specifies mandatory measures for schools under its purview as follows:

1. Follow the ongoing guidance of the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Health in respect to the situation of the spread of the 2019 coronavirus.
2. Strictly proceed according to the identified 2019 coronavirus prevention methods.
3. Avoid traveling to countries that at risk of spreading the 2019 coronavirus: China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Macao, and other countries/locations as per any further announcements from the Ministry of Public Health (if any).
4. In the event that teachers, educational personnel or students have traveled to or transited through countries or locations specified in Clause 3, those individuals shall quarantine themselves at home for 14 days from the date of their return. The aforesaid days are not considered as absence or leave.
5. In the event that the parents or others in the household who have traveled in the countries or locations as mentioned in Clause 3, the school shall inform them to quarantine themselves for 14 days and temporarily ban entry from the school premises.

6. The school shall screen all teachers, educational personnel and students every day by checking temperatures for fever. If their health is in doubt, they shall then wear a mask and immediately be sent to a doctor. Information of travel records must be given to the doctor or to the Department of Disease Control by calling the hotline number: 1422.

7. The school may specify additional measures for monitoring and preventing the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) as it deems fit.

8. Example of time calculation: if arriving in Thailand on 24 February 2020, start counting day 1 from that day and finish (14 days) on 8 March 2020. Thus, the individual can go to work or return to school on 9 March 2020.

Please be informed and comply accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

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