

FAQ HEALTH PROTOCOLS

(updated 25 August 2022)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- **Wearing of masks**

Masks are **no longer compulsory** to be worn indoor and outdoors (except for healthcare and canteen staff).

- **Health screening**

We ask that you monitor your child's health before sending him/her to school and self-testing using ART kits if he/she is symptomatic.

Visual health checks at home and school for symptoms of illness:

Fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat

- **COVID-19 Child vaccination: for children between 5 to 11 years old**

The Singapore government has confirmed that vaccination is now offered progressively for children aged 5–11 years old and encourages families to register. To register for your child, please go to [this link](#). For more information and resources on child vaccination, please visit the MOH website at [this link](#).

- **Enhanced sanitary measures by transport provider, Woodlands Transport**

Please check your child's health before boarding the bus. If your child has a fever, or if he/she has difficulty breathing, coughing or a runny nose, **please do not send him/her on the bus**.

- **Hydroalcoholic Gels**

Antibacterial gels should not replace hand washing.

When the level of hygiene should be at its maximum, as it is today, we allow children to bring it to school. Normally, IFS does not want children to have hydroalcoholic gels on them to avoid ingestion.

Each elementary class has a hydroalcoholic solution at its disposal. They are also available in common areas such as entrances and canteens.

In the maternelle (Kindergarten), the teachers, assistants and the nurse have raised daily awareness on the basic rules of hygiene among the children. Hand washing with soap and water is reinforced before and after recess, meals, visits to the toilet, as well as after every "dirty" activity (painting, cooking, etc.) or motor activities. The maternelle does not wish to provide children with hydroalcoholic gels to avoid the risk of ingestion and not to divert the children's attention from the need for meticulous and regular handwashing.

- **Campus cleaning and disinfection measures**

We have greatly increased the frequency of school cleaning and disinfection operations. Emphasizing the heavily frequented areas: reception, infirmaries, corridors, school buses, recreational spaces and canteen areas. Our providers are applying the same rule.

- **School Visitors**

Families visiting the school are permitted to enter IFS but they **have to be fully vaccinated**.



COVID 19 SITUATIONS

I AM POSITIVE AND UNWELL	I AM POSITIVE AND WELL OR ASSESSED MILD	I AM A CLOSE CONTACT
Protocol 1	Protocol 2	Protocol 3

<https://www.covid.gov.sg/>

- **CONFIRMED CASES - STAY-HOME NOTICE (SHN)**

The table below provides an overview of the updated categories of precautionary measures in schools, in effect from 26 April 2022:

Category	Arrangements
Confirmed Case	To adhere to MOH's health protocols.
Stay-Home Notice (SHN)	Not allowed to return to school / campus until the end of SHN.

What should the student or staff do when the household member is confirmed to be a COVID-19 case / issued Stay-Home Notice (SHN)?

In living with COVID-19, the emphasis is on social responsibility. If at any point the student or staff has a household member who is confirmed to be a COVID-19 case on Protocol 1 or Protocol 2, they should exercise social responsibility and take the necessary precautions under Protocol 3 (i.e. test themselves to be negative before leaving their homes, to prevent further spread). They can attend school if they self-tested negative on the ART daily and are well during their self-monitoring.

Students and staff with household members who are unwell, or on SHN do not need to alert the school.

If the student/staff is well, they are allowed to go to school.