

I. Regulations for the start of the school year

For the start of the 2021-2022 school year, regulations to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus will remain in effect in accordance with Ministry-established guidelines. Importantly, the following measures will be observed:

- Surgical or Medical facemasks must be worn indoors
- Twice-a-week testing will be implemented for a minimum of three weeks after returning from holiday (immunized and recovered individuals are exempt).
- The previous prohibition for students from different grade levels to interact has been removed.
- Exceptions from facemasks for certain sport and music activities as well as eating in the cafeteria (but only with a 1,5m separation)
- Regular airing of the classrooms
- Practicing good hand hygiene
- One-way traffic flow through stairways

II. Return from Risk Areas

Families who have traveled from risk areas must follow the current guidelines published by the Health Ministry. Furthermore, ISC will require all students to have a statement signed by their parents attesting that they have not traveled to a risk area in the last 14 days or are fully immunized. Proof of immunization must be shown. Students will not be permitted to attend classes without completion of this form.

III. Mandatory School Attendance (Schulpflicht) & On-Campus Instruction

The requirement for children of school age to attend on-campus instruction is generally in force. Remote or Hybrid Learning will only be implemented as an exception in cases where the incidence rate is such that safe instruction is no longer possible in the school.

Generally, a leave of absence (Beurlaubungserlass) is only available to students who are considered to be high risk or live in a household with a high-risk individual. This must be requested from and be granted by the school. Absence without this permission is not allowed.

IV. Student Illness / Symptoms

The Ministry has developed a new “Sniffle Plan” for the 2021-2022 School Year. You can find this document on our website in both English and German, but the highlights are summarized as follows:

- If your child has the sniffles without other symptoms, they can attend school.
- Children who recover at home or who test negative after a doctor’s visit must be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school.
- Children who test positive should follow the guidelines of the Health Ministry before returning to school.