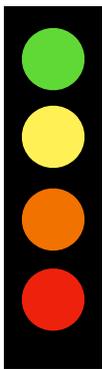


Corona Virus Strategy at AIS-Salzburg

Ampelsystem - 'Traffic Light System' 2020-2021: Toward a Safe, Quality Education

The Austrian government and health officials have created a 'traffic light' system to communicate the present, up-to-date, level of health threat for each of the political districts of Austria. The level of threat to the general public is indicated symbolically by the color on the street light panel.



Green	= Low level of threat at present conditions
Yellow	= Increased level of threat at present conditions
Orange	= Significant level of threat at present conditions
Red	= Dangerous level of threat at present conditions

The city of Salzburg is an individual district which will have its own regularly-updated threat indicator (*Ampel*) as of early September. The criteria utilized by the health experts to determine the level of threat will include numbers of positive infections in recent days within the total population as well as a broad range of other factors (e.g., numbers of hospital beds and doctors) in a very complex calculation. Given Austria's excellent handling of the first outbreak last spring, we are very confident that these new measures will be adequate and very reliable.

The American International School-Salzburg will utilize this system as a basis of expertise to determine what actions, restrictions and policies will be in place at any given time during the 2020-2021 school year. Needless to say, as the situation becomes increasingly dangerous (from green upward to yellow, orange, or red), more and more restrictions on freedom of movement, in social distancing requirements and school events and activities adjustments will be put into effect—the opposite, as the level of threat declines. In this way, the school administration hopes to maintain the highest level of responsible, prudent care for our students and staff. This will *not* be a school year like others in the past and it is the responsibility of all members of our community to understand and help support these requirements.

A. Austrian national restrictions in place by the government and health officials - Present Situation:

1. Masks must be utilized to cover the nose and mouth of all persons:
 - a. on public transport (buses, trains, subways, taxis, etc.,
 - b. in health facilities including doctors' offices, hospitals and pharmacies,
 - c. in all businesses selling food items (grocery stores, gas stations, etc.),
 - d. in food services,
 - e. and anywhere large groups of people are within a restricted area.
2. Social distance of 1.5 meters must be maintained with all others who are not of the same household; large crowds of people are to be avoided completely.
3. Many events, concerts, clubs and indoor theaters are closed or under tight restrictions.

Any changes or updates in these national restrictions and guidelines will be communicated and put into effect immediately at AIS-Salzburg.

B. General Policies and restrictions in place at AIS-Salzburg:

Personal Health and Habits

1. Body temperature will be read at breakfast each morning and upon return to the school following longer periods of absence (e.g., check-outs, weekends at home for 5-day boarders, sports events, etc.) Students and staff members will be frequently reminded to wash and disinfect their hands, cover their mouth and nose when sneezing or

coughing and should not raise their voices in public to sing loudly, scream or speak loudly. Liquid soap, hand disinfectant and surface disinfectant cleaner will be distributed and available in all classrooms and on the dormitory floors. All students and staff must undergo COVID-19 testing whenever requested to do so. Vaccinations against this season's predicted influenza mutation are highly recommended for all members of our community.

2. Students who are ill are to be isolated in infirmaries or at home, seek the medical attention of local physicians and adhere to any and all medicinal or therapeutic orders from those physicians. Day students who are ill are not allowed back on campus until such participation is approved by a physician in writing. Coursework awareness can be maintained through the Google Classroom platform which should be checked regularly.

Instruction and Dormitory Life

3. The school will carry out any and all disinfecting, cleaning and monitoring of hygiene standards as required by the health authorities (See document: [Corona and Boarding Schools](#)).
4. Seating in classrooms, dining rooms and dormitories will be adjusted to try and ensure that proper social distancing is possible. All teachers and staff members are requested to maintain an appropriate physical distance from students at all times.
5. The number of students living in a particular dormitory room should not exceed 2 persons. All staff that are not resident in the dormitories and have no contracted duties in the dormitories are prohibited from entering these facilities (teaching faculty, kitchen staff).

Campus

6. The school campus will remain closed during lunch and other breaks. Departures off campus are not allowed during the school day unless accompanied by a school staff member. All visitors and deliveries to the school will be tested for body temperature and recorded in a protocol. Day students are requested not to be on campus during weekend hours unless participating in an event or activity as prearranged with the Dean of Students, Athletic Director or other administrator.

Free Time

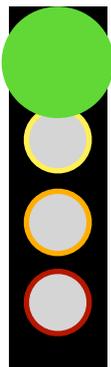
7. Weekend check-outs will be allowed only to parents personally and only under acceptable conditions as defined by the level of threat announced by the experts. (see below). University visits during the school year will not be approved and will need to be undertaken during vacation periods.
8. On weekend days, leaves off campus are restricted to four hours maximum per day unless accompanied by a staff member. At restaurants and cafés, all general restrictions must be observed. Bars, discos, events, theaters, cinemas and other gatherings of large groups indoors are off limits. Weekend activities, excursions and events will be adjusted, postponed or cancelled given the health threat context at the time of scheduling.

General/Other

9. All students and staff must have the Red Cross' *Stop Corona* App downloaded on their personal communication devices and prove this when asked to do so. Devices loaded with this application must be with students at all times when away from the school campus. Information: <https://www.rotekreuz.at/site/meet-the-stopp-corona-app/>
Overnight check-outs to day student residences are prohibited.
 10. All students or staff members, because of particular health problems, who are at higher risk may be restricted from participating in classes and instruction if the health situation warrants this.
 11. The school will actively promote awareness and provide information frequently concerning the ongoing health threats and our responses or reactions to this.
 12. Students who are not enrolled in the school may not register for and sit standardized tests at AIS-Salzburg.
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Green 'Traffic Light'

'Low level of threat at present conditions'



Aside from the general guidelines listed above, boarding and day students are reminded that:

A. For full- and 5-day boarders:

1. Leaves off campus occur only with (a) proof of having downloaded the Red Cross, *Stop Corona App* and having the personal device upon which it is loaded with the student at all times, and (b) submission of locations to be visited when off campus which are approved.
2. Weekend check-outs to parents (only) can be approved and undertaken within guidelines; 5-day boarders may return home directly after classes on Fridays.
3. Physical education and sports teams practices/competitions will go ahead as planned with proper respect for distancing from others at the same facilities, including masking if required (minimally during transport).
4. No masking is required within the school buildings and campus.
5. Social distancing requirements are in place whenever larger groupings of students and staff are possible (lunch/buffet line, assemblies, floor meetings, etc.).
6. Food deliveries may be ordered as per handbook guidelines.

B. For day students:

1. Day students may participate in any school activities, excursions or athletics events.
2. During time away from the school, it is expected that all day students adhere to any and all health requirements established by the government and health officials.
3. After departure from the school and campus, day students are not allowed to return until the next morning or after the weekend.

Yellow 'Traffic Light'

'Increased level of threat at present conditions'



Aside from the general guidelines listed above, boarding and day students are reminded that:

A. For full and 5-day boarders:

1. Leaves off campus are restricted to one hour during weekdays and may only include the following destinations:
 - a. 'Der Mache' bakery and deli (Moosstrasse 94)
 - b. the Billa grocery store (Moosstrasse 21)
 - c. physicians' offices and/or the pharmacy (Moosstrasse 15)
 - d. other destinations with approval by an administrator
2. Yellow: Weekend check outs to parents (pick up only) if the destination is yellow or green only; 5-day boarders return home directly if the traffic light at their home district is yellow or green as well. No additional charges will be made for the residency of 5-day boarders staying the weekend in the school dormitories.
3. Physical education and sports teams practices will continue under strict guidelines (masking and distancing from third-parties while at the Rif Sports Center or other facilities). Athletic competitions may be cancelled or postponed depending upon location and level of health threat situation there.
4. No masking requirements for full and 5-day boarders.
5. Social distancing requirements will be increased where and when possible to eliminate group gatherings and or overcrowding of facilities with limited space.
6. Interaction with day students should be guarded.
7. Food deliveries are not permitted except to the school kitchen.
8. Hand disinfecting is required before and after meals and several times a day and in the evening before study hall begins.

B. For day students:

1. Day students may participate in any school activities, excursions or athletics events if the health situation allows as determined by the administration.
2. Day students are to depart the school campus by 15:00 (15:30 on Wednesdays) unless enrolled in a scheduled elective course, team practice or scheduled meeting.
3. Hand disinfecting required before and after meals and several times a day.
4. Masks required for all day students in halls and public areas.

Orange 'Traffic Light'

'Significant level of threat at present conditions'



Aside from the general guidelines listed above, boarding and day students are reminded that:

A. For full- and 5-day boarders:

1. Campus is closed; no free time off campus unless approved for health reasons by the administration.
2. Weekend check-outs to parents prohibited. 5-Day boarders must remain on campus on weekends at no charge.
3. Masking required in all public areas except within classrooms, one's own dormitory room, and dining halls during meals. Masks must be utilized before and after class time and when out of one's assigned dormitory room.
4. Physical education courses are cancelled at the Rif Sports Center and may be supplanted with other physical activity outdoors and on or near campus. All sports team practices and competitions are postponed or cancelled.
5. Social distancing is required at all times possible between classes, during free time, etc., throughout campus.
6. Interaction with day students should be minimal and proper distance maintained.
7. No personal food deliveries to the school.
8. Hand washing and disinfecting required before and after meals and several times a day as well as in the evening before study hall begins and before lights out.
9. Weekend activities are on campus.
10. Excursion plans are cancelled or postponed.
11. Instruction may take place on Saturdays in exchange for further days off after this level of health threat has subsided.
12. Field trips and other outings organized by instructors are postponed.
13. Body temperature measuring as well as COVID-19 testing will increase in frequency.

B. For day students:

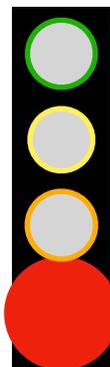
1. Masks must be worn throughout the school day while on campus except in classrooms and dining areas.
2. Day students are to depart the school campus by 15:00 (15:30 on Wednesdays) unless enrolled in a scheduled elective course.
3. Day students may not participate in weekend activities or other meetings outside of the regular academic-day schedule unless registered for a standardized test.
4. Hand washing and disinfecting is required and frequent throughout the school day.
5. Day students may—at the parents' or guardians' request—return home to continue studies online over the Google Classroom platform.

C. Other:

Visits to the school for enrollment and admissions purposes as well as visits by university representatives are suspended until health threat level declines.

Red 'Traffic Light'

'Dangerous level of threat at present conditions'



The school will react to the determination that the city of Salzburg district is at the red level by discontinuing live coursework and send all full- and five-day boarders home, quarantining them until departure is possible. All coursework will continue online over the Google Classroom platform as soon as possible. The school's refund policy adjustments go into effect immediately. All non-resident staff and faculty continue their instruction and duties from home until such time that it is deemed safe for students to return and resume live, on-campus instruction and programming.

Further Commentary:

We understand that the procedures listed above—depending upon the level of threat—are burdensome and restrictive of some aspects of boarding school life that are greatly enjoyed. We regretfully recognize this but remain committed to try and make decisions that balance the need for a proper, college-preparatory education with the current health threats that will likely be with us for some or most of the present school year. Please rest assured that as soon as this threat is effectively ended and the authorities announce that daily life can return to normal, we will do so as well.

In the coming weeks, we will be putting together our final plans for the school year with emphasis on how and in what ways to best implement these health and safety measures. As these are developed and decided upon, we will inform you directly as well as post such items on the school's website at www.ais-salzburg.at. These adaptations and the working out of daily implementation measures will also include consideration of a number of balancing elements that will be appreciated by our students and provide them with some new and enjoyable features of daily life here at AIS-Salzburg, helping them maintain a positive and hopeful attitude toward this uniquely-challenging school year.

We thank you for your patience, your understanding and—most importantly—your agreement and cooperation with these measures. I think that we can all paint a picture of what a serious and undesirable situation we would potentially be in if worse comes to worst. Therefore, it is important that everyone in our community commit to the infringements on our everyday freedoms in order to achieve a higher goal: to take part in a first-class academic program of education that will serve our students for the rest of their lives.

Please do take the time to review this information carefully, send us your questions if you have any, and speak with your child about these in order to help establish a broad basis of understanding and agreement before we open our doors in September.

Sincerely,



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