

ABS  
COVID-19  
Response

## Daily Procedures and Guidance for Parents and Students Updated 27/08/2020



In order to reduce the risk of any transmission of COVID-19 at ABS, the following daily procedures will be in place in accordance with the Ministries of Health and Education.

These are subject to change and further editions of these guidelines will be sent throughout the academic year.

## DEFENSE ORDER NUMBER 11

1. **All Parents/Visitors who have a pre-arranged appointment to see someone, who wish to visit the administration must wear their mask. This must be strictly enforced.**

### AMAN cell phone application

**In order to help reduce the risk of transmission and/or help in coordinating any investigation into a case of transmission, ABS highly recommends any Parent/Visitor who visits the ABS Campus to have the AMAN mobile application downloaded and activated with location tracking.**

### How can we help when preparing our child(ren) for school in the morning?

1. Take your child(ren)'s temperature and record this on the **ABS Health Screen Card** (attached) and ensure your child(ren) takes this to ABS to show security when entering.
2. **If your child(ren) are on the bus, please give the ABS Health Screen Card to the bus supervisor so they are allowed on the bus.**
3. Ensure your child(ren) wash their hands properly before leaving the house.
4. Ensure your child(ren) have their face mask and a little bottle of alcohol gel (with an alcohol percentage of 70% or more) every day.
5. **The ABS cafeterias will be closed for the first two weeks until Sunday, 20 September.** Therefore, please ensure your child(ren) bring a refillable water bottle and appropriate food to eat, with a range of healthy food and snacks, and please remember we have a zero tolerance policy on items containing nuts.

#### **Temperature Categories:**

- If your child(ren)'s temperature is 37.4 °C or below, it is safe to come to School.
  - If, however, your child(ren)'s temperature is 37.5 °C or above. Firstly, please wait for 5-10 minutes and re-take your temperature. If still 37.5 °C or above, you must keep your child(ren) at home and inform the school.
6. You must also self-isolate your child(ren) at home until free of symptoms. If after three days symptoms still continue **YOUR CHILD(REN) MUST TAKE A PCR COVID-19 TEST.** If negative you may return to ABS.

## What do I need to know about bringing my child(ren) to ABS?

### Parent/Driver Drop-off:

1. Drop your child(ren) off at your allocated drop-off zone.
- 2. Students must wear their mask as they enter ABS.**
3. Parents can accompany their child(ren) to the door (or security check-point). Here, the Health Screen Card will be checked.
- 4. Parents will not be allowed to enter School buildings.**

### Bus Students:

- 1. Students (or their parents or another responsible adult) must show the Bus Supervisor the Health Screen Card.**
2. Students must sanitise their hands before boarding the bus.
3. Students must follow all instructions from the bus supervisor and sit in the designated seats.
4. All buses will be sanitised in the morning and in the afternoon before all bus rounds.

## What conversations can I have with my child(ren) to help facilitate the procedures at ABS?

In general:

1. The need to wear their face mask during break times, entry to school, upon leaving school and any other times when directed by Staff when we see that a minimum of one (1) meter cannot be guaranteed.
2. To wash hands on a regular basis.
3. To use their own hand sanitiser on a regular basis.
4. To avoid sharing any items with friends.
5. To avoid physical contact with other students.
6. To walk along the directional green arrows at all times and use the stairs as directed which are now one-way systems.
7. To avoid touching surfaces where possible.
8. To avoid touching their faces at all times.
9. To maintain a minimum distance of one (1) meter from other people.

Break-times and the Cafeteria:

1. To follow instructions at all times to maintain a minimum of one (1) meter distance.
2. To use the seating areas as directed to maintain physical distancing.
3. To follow any changes in break-times and classroom locations at ABS to maximise physical distancing.
4. To understand that any contact sports and other sports that have the potential for contact are prohibited. *(Please see Section Four of the ABS Roadmap to Reopening for the Co-Curricular Programme. Here, all sports and activities are rated Low, Medium and High risk. Common sports such as basketball and football during break times, until further notice, will be prohibited.)*

Classrooms:

1. To sanitise their hands using their own gel or the one provided by the School in each classroom upon entering.
2. To follow the seating plans that will maximize physical distancing.
3. To follow any changes in the classrooms locations to maximize physical distancing.
4. To follow instructions and to wear their masks when asked.

## What are the procedures for receiving my child(ren) at the end of day?

### Parent/Driver Pick-Up:

1. Receive your child(ren) at the regular designated drop-off zone.
- 2. Students must wear their mask as they leave the school.**
3. Parents can receive their child(ren) in the car pick-up zones only, or at the door for younger children in the KG.
- 4. Parents will not be allowed to enter School buildings.**
- 5. All play dates arranged from School are prohibited until further notice.**
6. All children must go home in their own designated private car.
7. Car-pooling can be arranged with pre-approved arrangements, in writing, from the relevant School division administration.

### Bus Students:

1. Students must sanitise their hands before boarding the bus.
- 2. Students must wear their face mask before boarding the bus and during the duration of their journey.**
3. Students must follow all instructions from the Bus Supervisor and sit in the designated seats.
4. All buses will be sanitised in the morning and in the afternoon before all bus rounds.

## What will happen if a COVID-19 infection is suspected at ABS?

### If the suspected person is a member of Staff:

1. The suspected Staff member(s) will be directed to the School Doctor for examination and then will be asked to leave the ABS Campus immediately without making contact with anybody.
2. The Staff member must self-isolate at home. If symptoms continue, the Staff member will be requested to take a PCR COVID-19 test. If the result is negative, the member of Staff may return to ABS for work.

### If the suspected person is a student:

1. The suspected Student(s) will be directed to the School Doctor for examination and then will be escorted to the ABS Isolation Room after informing the parents. (The Stallion Café: Enter only from the outside Stallions Café Door). The Student will remain in the Isolation Room until taken home. The student will be appropriately supervised.
2. The Student must self-isolate at home. If symptoms continue, the Student will be requested to take a PCR COVID-19 test. If the result is negative, the student may return to ABS.

Additional Guidance: (In accordance with the Ministry of Labour)

All people (Staff and Students) in the area of the suspected person **MUST STAY** in this location and carry on as normal. **The "area" will be under "LOCKDOWN" conditions.** No one is allowed in or out (with the exception of the Principal, Director of Operations, Heads of Schools and selected Cleaning Staff who must wear full PPE clothing). The area will then be fully sterilized.

## What will happen if a COVID-19 case is (Staff or Student) is confirmed at ABS?

1. In accordance with the Ministry of Education, ABS will close (all School sections; Creche; Primary School, Middle Years School and the IB College) for fourteen (14) days. In this time, the ABS will be deep-cleaned and disinfected.
2. The Student(s)/Staff member(s) in question can return to school with permission from the Ministry of Health.

### Additional Guidance

If during the time of closure, further cases are confirmed, ABS will remain closed for fourteen days (14) from the newly confirmed case date therefore prolonging School closure. On-line learning will be implemented.

### **What will happen if my child(ren) suffer from seasonal allergies that develop flu-like symptoms**

To avoid unnecessary absence from School, you must provide the School Doctor a letter from a certified Doctor that shows that your child(ren) have a diagnosed allergy (affecting the respiratory system and/or allergies that produce flu/cold like symptoms). Only with this certificate can we exempt a Student from staying at home and taking a COVID-19 PCR test.

### **Where should I go to get tested for myself and my child(ren) if needed:**

If you have been or your child(ren) have been in “direct” contact with someone who is a confirmed COVID-19 case:

1. **You MUST call “111”**. The Ministry of Health will arrange a PCR COVID-19 test for you.

If your child(ren) have had an “indirect” contact and/or you have shown flu-like symptoms:

You must call the Director of Operations (0796090123) who, on behalf of the School, will recommend an accredited testing centre that fulfills our standards for reliable testing (Accredited for Molecular Lab Services).

### **Will my child(ren) participate in the Co-Curricular Programme this year?**

1. In accordance with the Ministry of Education, all Sports, Arts, Events at ABS are prohibited.
2. Furthermore, all private rentals and academies at ABS are also prohibited until further notice.
3. ABS will communicate any changes to the co-curricular programme when appropriate.