



# AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ALGIERS

Educating Lifelong Learners and Respectful World Citizens

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Dear AISA Community:

After further discussions about trying to align with the local public schools, we have decided to go ahead and start school on campus on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Our teachers are certainly very happy about this, as I am sure you and your children will be.

Please note that we will continue to dismiss at 12:45pm daily. This is what we have done since COVID came crashing into our lives in March, 2020. The decision is based on the fact that our facility is small and on the following real safety concerns:

- During inclement weather, the longer lunch period would need to be in the classrooms with masks off, contrary to safety expectations.
- During a longer school day, it would be impossible to comply with the three-foot social distancing expectation due to the need for extended play time and increased movement between classes.

We were hoping masks would go away and we could return to a normal day. In some states and countries, it has. Here, the daily reported cases are high and are mostly due to the Delta variant, which has a greater impact on children. So sadly, not yet.

While the pandemic is inconvenient for us all, AISA is committed to keeping our students safe. With a small campus and the increased virulence of the Delta variant, even if one person develops COVID, we would need to close the entire school for at least 10-14 days, assuming no one else became sick.

Therefore, we also kindly ask you to please return the attached Safety Agreement so we can all help ensure the best health standards for your wonderful children.

The main school gate will be open from 7:40-8:00am on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Parents may stop their cars in front of the school, where we will take students' temperatures and then walk them into school. Pick-up will be at 12:45pm.

For those of you who are not yet in Algiers, teachers will provide families with a link with clear instructions and assignments, but will not be able to hold daily classes online.

A very important note: per Board policy, students may not attend school nor participate online if tuition has not been received.

I want to thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation. Please remember I'm always available to take your calls or meet with you should you have questions or concerns. We are a team.

Warmest regards,  
Judith Drotar  
Director