



VILLA INTERNATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Date:2/7/2026

Update on Measles and Other Airborne Illnesses

Since the beginning of June 2026, School administration has been closely monitoring the situation regarding measles and other airborne illnesses affecting the Greater Malé region. The health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our highest priority.

To help minimize the risk of transmission, the school has implemented the following preventive measures since the beginning of June:

1. Contact tracing of reported cases in collaboration with the Health Protection Agency (HPA).
2. Enhanced campus hygiene, including daily cleaning and disinfection of classrooms and common areas before students arrive.
3. Ongoing monitoring of students for symptoms of measles and other airborne illnesses.
4. Encouraging students and staff who are unwell to wear face masks and follow appropriate preventive health measures at all times.

Current Situation

Since the beginning of June 2026, the school has been informed of 16 reported cases of measles among our students. We are pleased to note that the majority of these students have recovered and have safely returned to school.

The school continues to work closely with the Ministry of Education Health and Health Protection Agency in conducting contact tracing where necessary. As students interact in various settings outside school, including social gatherings and family environments, it is not possible to conclude that transmission has occurred within the school. Therefore, based on the information currently available, the school has not identified evidence of a measles outbreak within the campus.

We kindly advise students to avoid unnecessary social gatherings during this period, including meeting in groups to watch football matches or other recreational activities, as viral illnesses continue to circulate within the Greater Malé region.

Attendance records and participation in school activities, including examinations, remain within normal levels and the school has not observed an unusual increase in student absenteeism during this period.

Strengthening Preventive Measures

The school will continue to strengthen its preventive measures by:

- Enhancing the monitoring of students' health and wellbeing.
- Providing hand sanitizing facilities throughout the campus.
- Maintaining high standards of cleaning and hygiene across all school facilities.

Students who wish to wear face masks as an additional precaution are welcome to do so. At present, however, wearing a face mask is **not mandatory**.

Parents are kindly requested to ensure that any student experiencing symptoms of illness seeks medical advice promptly. Students should attend school only when they have been medically cleared to do so by their healthcare provider.

Learning Support for Absent Students

If a student is unable to attend school due to illness, parents must notify the school by email. The school will review each case individually and make appropriate academic arrangements based on the student's medical condition and the potential impact on their learning and assessments.

At present, synchronous online classes will not be conducted. However, students will continue to receive learning support asynchronously through Dhasvehi. Students who are absent due to illness are encouraged to maintain regular communication with their subject teachers and access learning materials through the Dhasvehi platform.

Contacting the School

Should you require any assistance or have any concerns, please contact the school through:

Email: admin@vihs.edu.mv

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We sincerely appreciate your continued cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for all members of our school community.

Thank you



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