



# *Newman International Academy*

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Subject: Newman's Report on Covid-19 and In-Person Instruction

Dear Newman Families,

We are glad to inform you that in all our seven campuses, our students have been receiving in-person or online instruction, and thank God, COVID-19 has not interrupted us much. The few cases of COVID-19 that have been reported have not been severe, and we have seen a fairly quick recovery among those few families who have been affected. Only seven students have been affected by COVID-19 in our entire Newman District of seven locations from the time school started!

Safety protocol, such as social distancing, has been observed wherever and whenever possible. Disinfectants are being used regularly to clean surfaces and equipment. Students and staff are being quarantined as necessary to protect as many people as possible. Wearing of masks is required for adults when inside buildings.

Our teachers are working very hard to make in-person instruction and online instruction very effective for our students. We have purchased over 1500 technology devices and have distributed them to nearly 700 students who requested a device. Our Information Technology and Online Instruction Departments have provided service and training for staff, students and also parents to make online learning a success. Yet, our statistics show that a number of students who are receiving on-line instruction are not fairing very well. **Students who are receiving in-person instruction are learning better and being more successful in their studies.**

**Therefore, in the interest of our students, we recommend and encourage all families to consider in-person instruction.** Those students who are failing one course or more may not be able to pass their grade level if they do not return to in-person instruction. **Please contact your campus principal/office immediately for information on how to receive in-person instruction.**

As I mentioned earlier, COVID-19 has not been as big a threat as originally expected in all our campuses. Let us work together to make our students successful and be prepared for the future. Let us commit to in-person instruction to see better student performance, growth and success!

In the cause of education,

Dr. Sheba George

Superintendent