

IMGA Parents,

We know that for some getting a COVID-19 test over the holidays before returning to campus may be difficult. To allow for greater flexibility, we have decided that **classes held January 6-8 will be virtual only** so that returning students have adequate time to obtain a COVID-19 test prior to returning to campus. In person classes will start on **Monday, January 11**. We feel that this virtual learning option will give students a broader testing window, allowing for a safer campus and safer start of second term.

**BASKETBALL, TENNIS, TRACK & FIELD:** Your coaches have requested that you return as planned due to competition and games. Boarding students in these sports should plan on returning by January 4 and non-boarding students should be ready for practice to start January 5 (your sport will reach out with specific details).

All other boarding students are more than welcome to arrive back at this time if they have made plans to do so but are not required to arrive until January 9 or 10. A negative COVID-19 test and a completed health questionnaire will still be required before arrival.

**NEW STUDENTS:** Please arrive on January 4, check-in day, as planned. While new students will also partake in virtual learning, we will have teachers available for them to meet and get to know personally before many of their classmates return. All parent orientation sessions will be provided virtually.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, January 4:</b> New Student Check-in + all boarding Basketball, Tennis and Track &amp; Field Student Athletes should be on campus</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, Jan. 5:</b> New Student Orientation + Sport for Basketball, Tennis and Track &amp; Field (coaches will reach out with schedules)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, January 6:</b> Virtual Pre-Recorded Classes Begin</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, January 9:</b> All remaining boarding students should begin arriving on campus</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, January 11:</b> <b>All students should be on campus for in-person classes and sport</b></p>
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We will continue to follow all CDC recommended guidelines as implemented in the first semester. Please see our [Safer Campus Page](#) for more information on our protocols.

#### NEGATIVE COVID TEST SUBMISSIONS

**All new, traveling and non-boarding students must obtain a COVID-19 test prior to returning to school in January (the test can be a Rapid Antigen or PCR test).**

- Tests must be taken in the 4 days prior to arrival at school (Please see the calendar below for examples).
- Test results should be submitted in the upload section when you fill out your health questionnaire at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- **We will not have the ability to test on campus as we did after Thanksgiving, so it is critical that your student obtain a COVID-19 test prior to traveling back to school.**
- If your student's test result is positive, please notify us immediately so that we can discuss next steps.

Student-Athlete	Return Date	Acceptable COVID-19 test date range	Submit test results no later than
New Students	Monday, Jan. 4	Dec. 31 - Jan. 3	Jan. 3
Basketball, Tennis, Track & Field Boarders	Monday, Jan. 4	Dec. 31 – Jan. 3	Jan. 3
Basketball, Tennis, Track & Field Non-Boarders	Tuesday, Jan. 5 (Practice Starts)	Jan. 1 - 4	Jan. 4
All other boarding students	Jan. 9/Jan. 10	Jan. 5 – 8/Jan. 6 – 9	Jan. 8/Jan. 9
All other non-boarding students	Jan. 11	Jan. 7 - 10	Jan. 10

#### TESTING RESOURCES

Below are some potential U.S. based testing options that you may find helpful when determining where to get a test for our student-athlete.

- **At Home Testing:** You may want to consider testing at home with a company like [Vault](#). Vault will send you a [test kit](#), connect with you virtually while you take the test to ensure accuracy and then you mail your kit back and receive results within 24-36 hours. **If you opt for this method, please be sure to reserve your test kit early.**
- **Testing in your Area:** To find testing sites in your area, please visit the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) website and use their locator tool to find a testing site closest to you.
- **Testing upon arrival in Florida:** If you are local, or are arriving to Bradenton early, there are several options to consider for a COVID-19 test in the area prior to arriving on campus. Please check the [Manatee County Website](#) for the most up-to-date information on state testing sites or make an appointment ahead of time with Ellenton Urgent Care just a few miles north of us. **Testing will not be provided on campus and you will not be allowed on campus until proof of a negative test has been provided.**