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To parents/guardians of preschool and primary schools school children

Dear parents/guardians,

The primary school Easter break is fast approaching, and some of you will be leaving the country to reunite with loved ones abroad. However, everyone must remain aware of the measures in force at the Icelandic border on their return. Passengers must show a certificate proving that they have tested negative in a PCR test for COVID-19 before boarding on their return journey to Iceland. The test must have been taken no more than 72 hours before departure (the first part of the journey). You can access more information here: <https://www.covid.is/undirflokkar/ferdalag-til-og-a-islandi>.

All passengers will be tested for COVID 19 on arrival in Iceland and then be called in for a second test 5 days later. Passengers must remain in quarantine for 5 days between tests, and until they receive the results of the second test. The quarantine ends once a negative result is confirmed in the second test.

All children born in 2005 and later must be tested at the border (from the 1. April 2021). Any children travelling with their parents or guardians must remain in quarantine with their parents/guardians until they receive the results of the second test. Quarantine ends once a negative result from the second test has been confirmed. Children do not need to show a negative PCR test on arrival.

Following these simple rules is essential to protecting our schools and community from the virus. We have all seen the negative impact that the virus has had on the Icelandic school system during the past few months. Any suspicion of infection can lead to numerous children and their families being quarantined which can often be difficult to accommodate. We can minimise the impact on schools by following the recommendations of the Civil Protection Authority 's Contact Tracing Team and the Office of the Medical Director of Health and by regularly checking covid.is for any updates on the situation.

We wish you all the best and hope that you have a Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

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