



Safe Schools Reopening Guidance for 7 Refugee Camps along the Thailand-Myanmar Border

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This guidance shall be enforced in view of the threat of Covid19 in the refugee camps. This shall take effect in schools when the academic year 2020-2021 opens on July 1, 2020. However, some activities shall take place before the actual start of classes to prepare the school facilities, the teachers and other school personnel and the learners for the opening of on the abovementioned date. This guidance covers the minimum protocols to prevent the risk of Covid19 infection among the members of the school community and shall be applicable to ALL schools under the administration of KRCEE in the following camps along the Thailand-Myanmar border:

1. Mae La Oo
2. Mae Ra Ma Luang
3. Mae La
4. Umpiem
5. Nu Po
6. Tham Him
7. Don Yang

I. Enrolment

- Information about students' registration is announced through public announcement system in the camps
- Schools start enrolment in May and ends in June
- Registration is open during weekdays at in school offices in the camps. Social distancing measures are observed during registration.

II. Entering and exiting the school premises

- Temperature check and hand washing or hand sanitizing will be conducted before entering school premises. Fixed temperature check and hand washing stations will be assigned. Visitors entering the school premises will be required to log in their name, address and contact details, if any. A monitor will be assigned to ensure compliance at all times.
- Daily attendance of will be checked by teachers for each class.
- Teacher will make sure to disinfect the benches and sitting areas of the students after each shift using alcohol wipes or cloth.

III. Managing the Classroom

- Classes will take place in shifting schedule as below:

Type	1 st Shift (7:30 a m – 11:30 am)	2 nd Shift (12:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
Primary schools	G- 1 to G- 3	G-4 to G-6
Middle	G-1 to G-4	G-5 to G-9
High with primary	G-1 to G-6	G-7 to G-12
High without primary	G-7 to G-9	G-10 to G-12

- The principal may decide on which classes will be on each shift to have balance in the number of learners in the morning and the afternoon shift
- To cope with the shortened face to face classes, three options will be considered:
 - To supplement the face to face learning with home-based learning. This means that parts of the daily lessons and exercises will be done at home.
 - To shorten extend the academic calendar. Normally, there are three terms in a year with each term concluded with an examination. After each term examination there will be a two-week break. But this year, there will only be the first and final examination without breaks in between.
 - Depending on how far their curriculum is, the school will have to make up for the lost time by attending classes on the weekends as well. This will be up to each school and how they would like to manage it.
- Seats in the classrooms will be at least 1 meter apart and sitting arrangement in will be as below:

	X			X		X
X		X			X	
	X			X		X
X		X			X	
	X			X		X
X		X			X	

- Two classrooms will be combined as one to comply with the distancing requirements in the classrooms.
- As there is not enough books for every student, teachers will be using the blackboards more to discourage sharing of books among learners
- Other learning materials line pens, pencils, paper, etc. will be on a 1:1 ration to avoid sharing and possible cross contamination among learners.
- Proper coughing and sneezing will be observed inside the classroom
- Class attendance will be checked daily. Teachers will conduct home visits for learners who have been absent for 3 days.

IV. Teaching and Learning

- Upon the opening of schools, academic lessons will not immediate start. Classes will transition in the following order:
 - Provision of psychosocial support for learners to know how they feel, their thoughts, concerns and fears, if any, how they spent the long break, sharing of experiences, etc). This will be accompanied with life-saving messages on

Covid19 (what it is and messages on how to prevent it), hygiene promotion and over-all orientation on the school protocols to prevent infection. Learners will be encouraged to do creative activities and performance task at this point.

- When learners show signs of readiness, teachers can facilitate a review of their experiences on home learning. They will facilitate a discussion about learners' feedback on topics, materials, parental and teacher support, among others. The teachers may run a light formative assessment on the topics covered in the home learning initiative. Based on the learners' feedback, teachers may review the lessons or repeat parts of the topics covered. To aid learners to maximize home learning platform in case the schools will have to close again, teachers should discuss basic home learning skills to the learners.
- When learners show signs of readiness, the teachers may transition to using the regular curriculum but are encouraged to use creative means of instruction that support the learners' emotional and mental well-being (socio emotional learning).

V. Activities outside the Classroom

- Proper social distancing will be observed by teachers, personnel, learners and guests within the entire school premises
- Extra-curricular activities and close contact games/activities will be avoided. However, children may be allowed to play non-close contact games while in the school as this is a form of psychosocial support for them. Children will be closely monitored by teachers during breaks or activities outside the classroom to ensure that they observe proper distancing.

VI. School Sanitation

- School facilities will be properly cleaned and disinfected prior to school opening. KRCEE will advocate with partners for support on cleaning supplies and orientation on proper cleaning and disinfection of school facilities. The PTA will be mobilized to thoroughly clean the entire school compound, as well as all the facilities before the schools reopening on July1, 2020.
- A regular schedule for teachers and learners will be in place to clean the classrooms every shift. Special attention in cleaning will be given to surfaces which are frequently touched like benches, chairs and tables.
- Toilets will be cleaned and disinfected once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

VII. Teachers, Personnel and Learners' Hygiene

- A handwashing station will be installed in every school with soap and water supply.
- Everybody will be required to wash his/her hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water in the following instance:
 - After entering and before leaving the school premises
 - Before and after eating
 - After using the toilet
- There will be at least 2 handwashing stations in one school-one for smaller pupils and another one for bigger pupils.
- Teachers and learners will be required to bring their own drinking bottle with water and clean towels (washable/reusable) when they go to school. Sharing of water/drinking from the same bottle will not be allowed.

- Posters and signage bearing child-friendly messages regarding frequent handwashing and sanitation will be displayed in the common areas of the school.
- Handwashing demonstration will be conducted daily in the schools for learners to see and learn the proper way of handwashing.

VIII. Health

- There will be a thermometer permanently stationed in the school.
- Everyone entering the school premises will be required to wear facemask.
- Temperature check will be undertaken for everybody entering the school premises. Those with temperature above 38 degree celsius will not be allowed entry. Learners who will register a temperature above 38 degree celsius will be referred to the camp health authority with their parents' informed and their privacy protected.
- Teachers and school officials will familiarize themselves with the contact details and referral procedures of camp health facilities
- Child friendly messages on Covid19 and its prevention will be displaced in the different areas within the school premises
- An isolation room will be identified in case anybody in the school gets ill, until a recommendation from the health authorities is available

IX. School Safety Management

- A Covid19 management team/committee shall be formed to discuss, recommend and lead in the implementation and monitoring of all Covid19 related initiative in schools
- A focal person will be assigned for each thematic area such as:
 - Hygiene and sanitation
 - Health screening and illness management
 - Child protection
 - Movements and restrictions inside the school premises
 - Training and information dissemination
- All teachers and school personnel will be oriented on the safety guidelines in the schools before the school opening
- These guidelines shall be reviewed every two weeks and maybe revised as the need arises.



