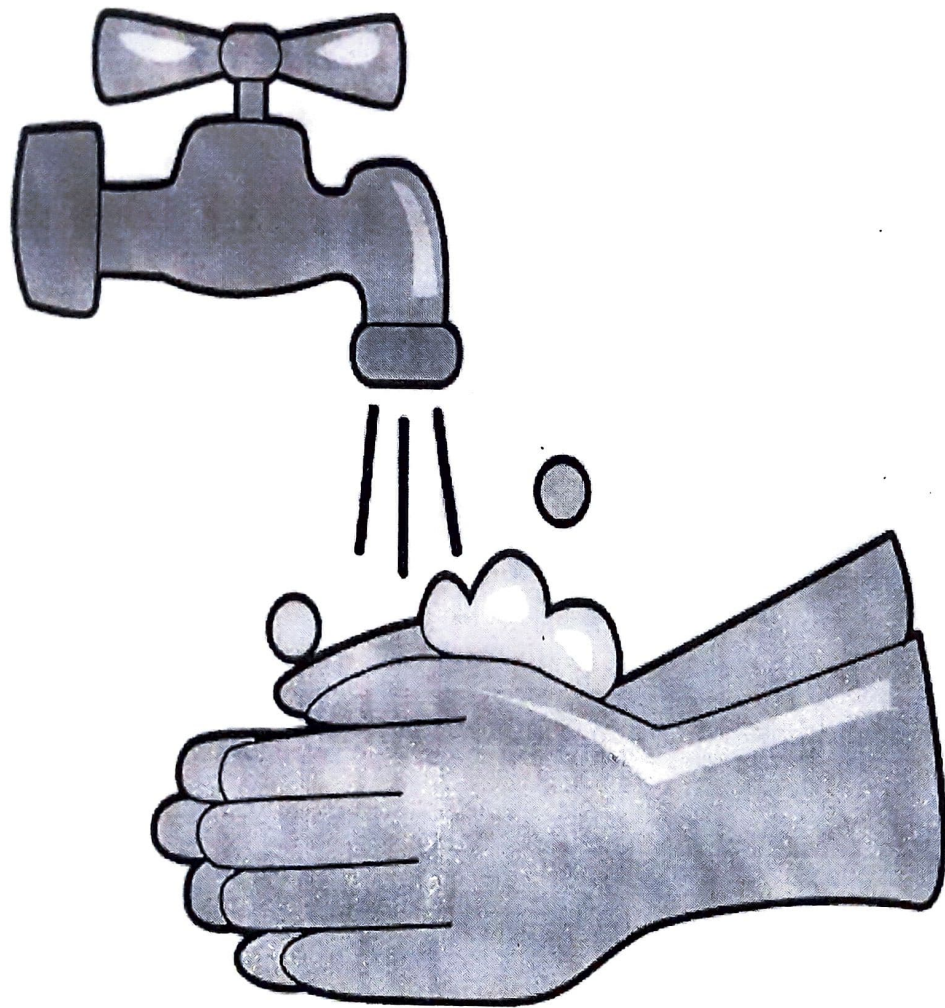
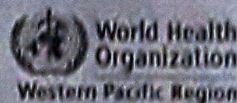


WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP



Avoid the Three Cs



Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.

There are certain places where COVID-19 spreads more easily:



Crowded places

with many people nearby



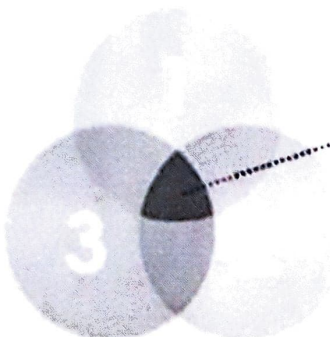
Close-contact settings

Especially where people have close-range conversations



Confined and enclosed spaces

with poor ventilation



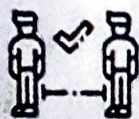
The risk is higher in places where these factors overlap.

Even as restrictions are lifted, consider where you are going and #StaySafe by avoiding the Three Cs.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?



Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces



Maintain at least 1m distance from others



When possible, open windows and doors for ventilation



Keep hands clean and cover coughs and sneezes



Wear a mask if requested or if physical distancing is not possible

If you are unwell, stay home unless to seek urgent medical care.

NATIONAL EXAMINATION 2020 PROTOCOLS IN A COVID -19 ERA

The following represent additional protocols that have been implemented to ensure that Examination Centres are safe for staff and students to engage in the administration and sitting of National Examinations:

- Precautionary Measures
Face masks are to be properly and consistently worn by all persons entering the school's campus.
- Everyone entering the campus will sanitize their hands at the entrance of the campus and await temperature reading.
- Students will also sanitize their hands when entering and leaving examination rooms.
- Masks are not to be completely removed while eating/dinking.
- Cloth masks should be cared for properly and safely (e.g. washing daily)
- Students should wash/sanitize hands before eating and not touch their faces.
- Health Protocols
Anyone observed displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or some form of illness will be reported immediately to the relevant authority.
- Parents/ Guardians will be notified.
- If medical attention is received, students should produce documentation verifying that it is safe for them to return.
- Parents are encouraged to check their children before leaving home to ensure that they are well, and they should inform the school if their child has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Contact Information for Students
Updated telephone contacts for parents/guardians, including an emergency contact, should be made available before the sitting of examinations
- Students' Supplies
Students should be in possession of supplies such as pens, pencils etc., as sharing will not be allowed

NATIONAL EXAMINATION 2020 PROTOCOLS IN A COVID - 19 ERA

Meals

- Students are encouraged to bring their own food and drink. *Grab and go* meals will be sold only.
- Students are free to leave the campus for lunch, but they must eat lunch before returning to be processed at the gate for the next exam
- Visitors To Campus
Security Guards/Assigned staff will undertake proper registration and identification of visitors.
- Outsiders who are not directly involved in the school's activity, will only be allowed entry upon the discretion of the Principal.
- Visitors must follow all established health and safety protocols.
- General Movement of Students
Students should arrive at school at least an hour prior to the start of their examinations
- Students will be
Directed to designated spaces to wait the start of examinations.
- Given directions related to entering and exiting examination rooms, bathrooms, and other areas on the campus to ensure physical distancing.
- Expected to move about the school's campus in an orderly manner practising physical distancing.
- Limited to a maximum gathering of ten, at any given time;
- Movement of Students (Post Exams)
Upon dismissal, students will leave the examination room practising established health and safety guidelines.
- Students not having another exam will leave the campus immediately through the assigned exit gate/ remain in a designated area To safely await collection by parents/ the school bus.
- Students who remain on site to transition to another exam must practice safety guidelines (physical distancing protocols and the continued wearing of masks.)



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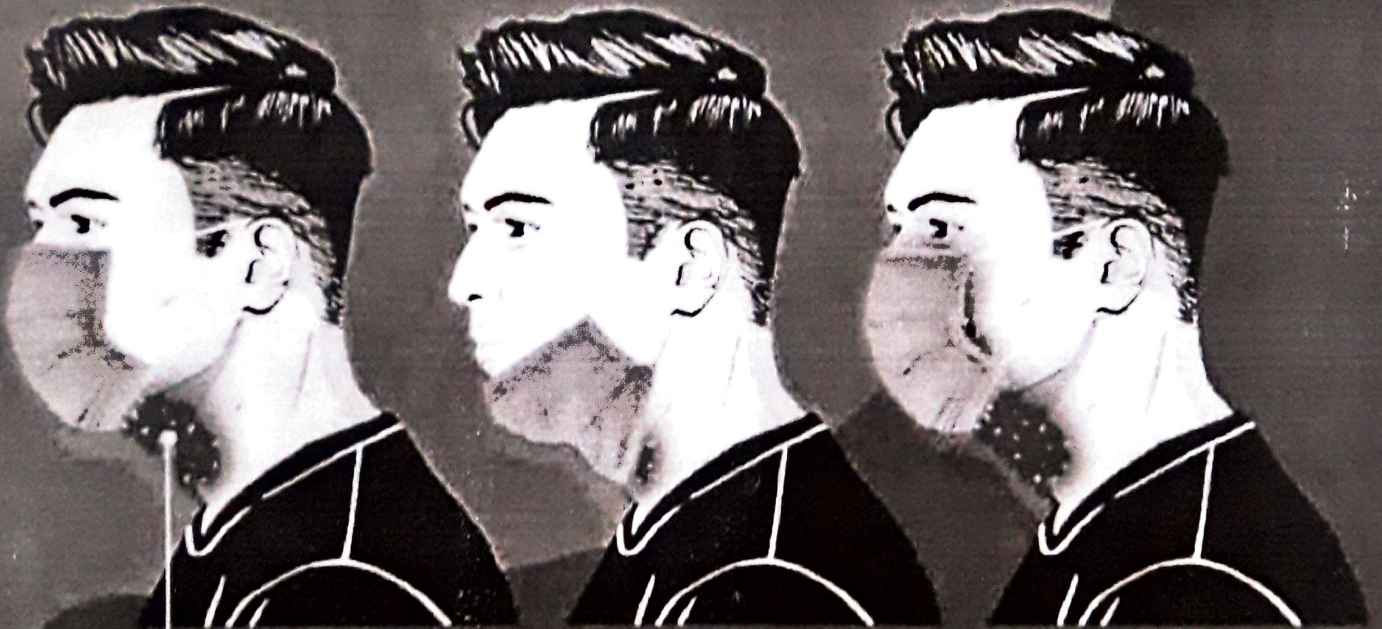
Guidelines for Parents and Students



Stay safe

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University Drive
Nassau, The Bahamas
Telephone: 1-242-502-2700
Fax: 1-242-322-8491

DO NOT BRING DOWN YOUR MASK TO THE CHIN



Exposed area

The inside of the mask will be contaminated

Mouth and nose will be infected by bacteria or virus or germs

When you want to eat, drink or do any activity where you have to remove your mask, just remove it completely.

National Examinations in a COVID-19 Era

GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Ministry of Education will facilitate the 2020 sitting of its National Examinations (BGCSE and BJC), beginning July 13th, 2020

The purpose of the examination is to:

Provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate what they have achieved

Inform what happens as students continue their educational pursuit or engagement with the labour market

Ensure that students leaving grade 12 will have the opportunity to have a credential

Minimize the stress burden on students, teachers and school administrators if they have to administer examinations as well as carry out learning, teaching and administrative duties in the new school year

Many established protocols are in place for the administration of National Examinations, as outlined in the Handbook for the Conduct of Examinations, Instructions for Conduct of BGCSE and BJC Examinations 2020-2021 issued by the Examination and Assessment Division

However, given the current concerns around the transmission of COVID-19, additional protocols have been implemented to address the safety of all

The Day of the Exam

School Uniforms must be worn.

Students must bring a government issued picture ID or a school photo ID

Face masks are to be properly and consistently worn by all persons entering the school's campus

Everyone entering the campus must sanitize their hands at the entrance of the campus and await a temperature reading

Students will also sanitize their hands when entering and leaving the examination room

Cloth masks should be washed daily

Students should wash or sanitize hands after eating and should not touch their faces

Health Protocols

Remain at home if you are displaying symptoms of COVID-19

Students suspected of being ill will be referred immediately to the relevant authority. Parents or guardians will be



notified

After medical attention is received, students should produce documentation verifying that it is safe for them to return to sit their exams

Parents are encouraged to check their children before leaving home to ensure that they are well. They should inform the school prior to the exam if their child has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

Contact Information for Students

Updated telephone contacts for parents or guardians, including an email address, should be provided

Students' Supplies

Students should have all of the necessary supplies including pens,

pencils, and rulers. Students will not be allowed to share supplies

Movement on Campus

Students should arrive at school at least an hour prior to the start of exams

Students will be directed to designated spaces to await the start of exams

Students will be required to: follow directions outlining entering and exiting exam rooms and bathrooms.

move about the school campus in an orderly manner, practicing physical distancing

follow the exit instructions given by the invigilator

exit through the assigned exit gate, or remain in the assigned designated area, if they are waiting to be collected by parents or traveling on the school bus

Students who remain on campus to sit another exam must maintain physical distancing protocols and continue to wear a mask

Meals

Students are encouraged to bring their own food and drink, as only 'Grab and Go' meals will be sold

Masks are not to be completely removed while eating/drinking

Students are free to leave the campus for lunch, but they must exit lunch before returning

Hands must be sanitized at the gate, and again upon entering the exam room

Visitors To Campus

All visitors must check in at the security gate and await instructions

Visitors must follow all established health and safety protocols

Visitors, who are not directly involved in the school's activities, will only be allowed entry upon the discretion of the principal

