



Student Affairs

March 2021 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT REMINDER: Use your IMSA email address for any and all IMSA purposes. Using another email address will delay your communication and may cause confusion.

[MARCH 18, 2021 REPOPULATION Q&A VIDEO](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

- COTH March 22 - 27 (*see Student Activities below for link to the agenda*)
- March 24 Live Repopulation Q&A 8-9pm
- March 27 - April 5 Spring Break
- April 5 - 7 COHORT 1 move in days
- April 8 Classes Convene

RESOURCES:

- ComEd - <https://www.comed.com/MyAccount/Customersupport/Pages/BillPaymentAssistance.aspx>
- Nicor - <https://www.nicorgas.com/residential/billingandpaymentoptions/energy-assistance-programs.html>
- **All K-12 schools will provide meals to IMSA students through their local school distribution plans.**
- If you are in need of services during this taxing time, call 2-1-1. Live specialists are on hand 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to discuss your needs and concerns and connect you to a wide range of local and state-wide resources. This includes food, shelter, help with aging parents, legal assistance, domestic abuse and much more. This also includes the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the Coronavirus from our most reliable and trusted local and national experts. Calls are confidential and help is available in over 150 languages. Learn more about 2-1-1 here. Alternate toll-free number: 888-865-990.
- **Free Internet Services** If you are in need of free internet for distance learning, Comcast has free wi-fi for 60 days (must apply before June 30, 2021). Review the link to see if you qualify <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>
- Applications to the **IMSA Student Emergency Relief Fund** are ongoing and provide assistance for basic essentials, including food, rent, utilities and access to remote learning technology. Preference is given to Tier 1 and Tier 2 families, but all families are eligible to apply. If you have any questions about the Student Emergency Relief Fund, please reach out to Mrs. Tami Armstrong at tarmstrong@imsa.edu.
- **Links to Food Banks, Soup Kitchens, Homeless Shelters in Illinois**- When you first click on the link, you will see a screen that allows you to click on the "Alphabetic list of all sites" to see all the food banks, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters in Illinois. Alternatively, by filling out at least one text box and checking at least one corresponding filter, a list of sites that match that criteria will appear.
- **Safety Concerns**

Linden Oaks Behavioral Health: 630-305-5027

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Crisis Text Line: Text START to 741-741



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM NURSE ANGIE

As we prepare to bring students back to campus, I wanted to take a minute to remind you that for the nursing staff to safely care for your child, the health office needs updated forms for students with **asthma, food allergies, seizures, diabetes, and psychotherapeutic medications** (ADHD, depression, anxiety, psychiatric, narcotics, controlled medications and any medication with a black box warning, i.e. accutane, amitriptyline, plus many others). If you have a question regarding medication needs to be administered in the health office, call the office at 630-907-5008 or email nurse@IMSA.edu. Please ask your primary care physician to complete the appropriate form for your student's condition and return to the health office via

fax 630-907-5938 or email: nurse@IMSA.edu.

[Asthma Action Plan](#)

[Seizure Action Plan](#)

[Food Emergency Action Plan](#)

[Psychotherapeutic Prescription Medication Agreement](#)

[Diabetes Management Plan](#)

A few reminders about medications:

- Please drop off medications with the nurse, at the check in tent, during move in.
- Send all medications in their original labeled medication bottle with 2 additionally labeled, empty medication bottles for weekend and night time use. Ask your pharmacist and let them know it is for a residential school.
- Only send the number of doses that will be needed during the students time on campus.
 - We will not be able to get refills for medications (except emergency medications)
- We must have a signed physician order to administer medications. See the attached forms.
 - Please fax or email the completed form, prior to move-in, to the contacts above.
 - Parent/guardian and student need to sign the agreement on page 2.
- If your student needs an EpiPen for food allergies, please send 2 pens.
 - Give one to the nurse at check-in to store in the health office.
 - The student should keep the other in a place where the RC, friend, or an adult staff member knows where it is kept, incase of an emergency.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing the students on campus soon. Nurse Angie

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

LEAD's Student Leadership Exchange is coming up on Wednesday, April 28th. This event is mandatory for all sophomore students to participate in. Students will present their end-of-the-year project in the morning from 9am-11am. In the afternoon at 1pm students will hear from our Hollister Guest Lecturer Hemad Fadaifar on what it means to be an entrepreneur in the 21st century. Parents can register for either part of the day at these following links: bit.ly/SLXEval and bit.ly/SLX2021.

SERVICE LEARNING

Student Service Award Opportunity:

Students can earn a [National Community Service Award](#) from the United Nations Association - USA for your impact and distinguish yourself when applying for college, jobs and scholarships. Share a few details and a photo from each of your volunteer, philanthropy & leadership activities this year - 20 hours across at least 4 activities to earn recognition. Application deadline is April 15, 2021. Get started at my.InnerView.org. There is no cost to students and no recommendation letters are needed. Physical award packets will be mailed to IMSA in May for distribution to students. Apply today!

Reminder:

Two hundred (200) service learning hours are required for graduation. Make sure you get your service hours into Helper Helper as soon as possible so we have the most up-to-date information for you.

Seniors, if you have not yet reached the 200 service learning hours required for graduation, you should have received communication from Ms. Ginnett via email. Please check PowerSchool for the most updated information on your approved service learning hours. Please email commserv@imsa.edu if you have any questions.

Need help obtaining service learning hours? Please check the [service learning](#) page of our website or email commserv@imsa.edu.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



It's finally time for CLASH of the HALLS 2021! View the [Agenda](#) for dress up days, events and room links.

Congratulations 1501! Your Pi Day Celebration \$5 McDonald's gift cards are on the way. Thank you PAC Friday Fest Committee for sponsoring this event and to our staff and faculty volunteers. The Pi Day Replay video is included for your viewing pleasure.

[Pi Day 2021.mp4](#)

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