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To: students, administrative and academic staff members and visitors of the Technion

Re: Technion preparations in the face of the spread of the Corona virus – update #9

Dear all,

The Corona crisis continues to gain momentum worldwide and affects all of us. Despite of the hardships, the Technion continues to operate, determined to meet the teaching obligations of the Spring semester and promote research as much as possible.

We are now getting ready for a scenario in which further restrictions will be imposed on the movement of citizens out of their homes. My office has issued appointment letters to members of the Technion and TRDF emergency teams and travel approvals in and out of the campus to those that will need them. Some of these papers were already sent and others will be sent soon. Holders of these papers will be asked to present them on the dashboards of their cars as they enter the campus to enable the guards to see them without opening the car's windows. Similar papers will be issued to students living in the dorms to enable their movement in and out the campus in such a scenario.

Remote teaching continues rather smoothly. From time to time we encounter some glitches and unforeseen issues but so far were able to overcome them. Lecturers were asked to record their lectures and store them on the Panopto system to enable students to see them multiple times during the semester. After the semester all these recordings will be erased. Please note that downloading these lectures and storing "private" versions of them is strictly forbidden and disciplinary procedures will be enacted in case of violations.

We are aware of the financial difficulties that some students face these days and hence, for the time being, we will not block registration to courses of students who are late on their tuition or dorm rent payments and avoid charging interest on late payments. Students who need special help are kindly requested to approach the Office of Technion International.

The Technion is also aware of the difficulties faced by some of our employees who were put on forced vacation and others who were sent home on a leave-of-absence. The Technion management in collaboration with the Union of Senior Academic Staff, have requested the active and emeriti professors to contribute part of their salaries over the next few months to help employees in need.

I am sure many of you will feel proud to know that the Technion researchers, alongside their colleagues in other Israeli universities, have risen to the Corona challenge – at least 11 research labs are working around the clock to find solutions to various aspects of the health crisis – from drug delivery, through the application of machine learning and AI methods to decipher the data collected at the hospitals to robots that will replace medical teams in quarantine hospital wards and more. The clinical professors of the Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, working in the hospitals affiliated with this faculty, are on the frontline of the battle against Corona and together with the rest of the Israeli society we salute them for their devotion and dedication to the ultimate task of saving lives.

Please continue to follow the general guidelines issued by the Ministry of Public Health as well as the specific Technion guidelines to help us overcome these challenging period as best as we can.

Executive Vice President and Director General
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Stay well,

Prof. Boaz Golany
Executive Vice President and Director General

PS. Please feel free to share the updates coming from the Technion with family & friends – we believe it's important to reach out to others and let them know what's happening these days at the Technion.