



January 31, 2020

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

Re: Spread of the Corona virus

Dear all,

Given the spread of the Corona virus and the fact that the Technion has a network of relations with China including the presence of Chinese students and visitors on campus, mobility of Technion staff back and forth to GTIIT and more, Technion management has conducted a series of internal discussions and consultations with officials in the Health Ministry. While there is no immediate threat to public health on campus, we ask everyone to follow the following guidelines:

1. Communications with Chinese students or visitors (including no-Chinese citizens who travelled through China in the last two weeks) who were planning to arrive here in the near future – we ask anyone who is in touch with such students or visitors to kindly ask them to delay their arrival until further notice.
2. Arrival of Chinese students or Arrival of Chinese students or visitors (including no-Chinese citizens who travelled through China in the last two weeks) to the Technion campus or to Israel – even though all flights from China were suspended, some people may have arrived in the last few days or may arrive through a third country in the coming days. Following the general guideline of the Ministry of Health, any such student or visitor is kindly asked to remain in full isolation in his home or dorm unit for a period of two weeks.
3. Support to Chinese students or visitors who are in isolation – please report on any such student or visitor to the Technion International offices. We will take measures to support such people in any possible way (particularly in providing them with food during the isolation period).
4. Information center – Please report all relevant information to Ms. Michal Kaisari from the Technion International through e-mail: [students@int.technion.ac.il](mailto:students@int.technion.ac.il) or phone: 052-6903607.

From Sunday, Feb. 02 onwards, we will publish a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) page on the Technion website which will provide relevant information on the evolving situation concerning the spread of the virus.

Finally, let me remind all that we have over 100 Chinese students and visitors on our campus who have arrived to Israel before the virus has started to spread. These people are not associated with any risk to our health that is greater than the risks associated with anyone else on our campus. Hence, I kindly ask everybody to continue to treat them with dignity and avoid any type of hostility or discrimination. Furthermore, please keep in mind that many of them have families and friends in China who are undergoing some rough times, and this calls for more sensitivity, sympathy and compassion.

Sincerely,

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Executive Vice President and Director General