



May 2, 2020

To: students, administrative and academic staff members and visitors of the Technion and the Technion R&D Foundation Ltd.

Re: Technion preparations in the face of the spread of the Corona virus

Dear all,

Starting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Technion will operate according to new government regulations denoted as "the purple badge standard". We have also received permission to conduct exams and resume operations of our teaching labs as well as supervision of projects for small teams of students, all according to strict health regulations. The main implications stemming from this new set of regulations are as follows:

#### Purple Badge

- With the exception of people over the retirement age or those that have a record of being diagnosed with certain "background diseases" as defined by the Ministry of Public Health, employees, academic staff members, graduate students and postdocs can enter the campus for all work-related activities. Other exceptions may include employees whose work is not needed at the present time or parents to young children who can't return to work before schools or kindergartens are opened. The administrative directors of the various units received detailed instructions on these matters so anyone who has a doubt is kindly asked to approach his/her relevant director.
- Anyone entering the campus is required to fill a digital daily health statement (please click [here](#)). In addition, QR codes will be placed at the entrances to all our buildings and anyone entering or leaving any building is required to scan the code using his/her mobile phone to enable epidemiological investigation by the health authorities if it will be needed.
- Anyone staying on campus is required to adhere to strict health regulations as published [here](#). Failure to adhere to these regulations will be considered a violation of our disciplinary code with all the possible implications.

#### Students

- For the time being, teaching of all the Spring Semester courses continues only through on-line means.
- We have received permission to conduct exams, resume the operation of our teaching labs and supervise project teams -- all under strict health regulations. Meeting these regulations requires significant preparatory and coordination effort which we shall start tomorrow morning. Once the preparation is over (hopefully in a few days), we shall publish specific guidelines and timelines including a revised schedule for the exams of the Spring Semester and the few remaining make-up exams of the Fall Semester that were originally planned for March and were delayed when the Covid-19 pandemic reached us.
- Students living in the dorms on campus who wish to enter other buildings on campus will need to fill the daily digital health statement and execute the QR scanning procedure as explained above.



- Students living on campus must follow the general regulations issued by the Ministry of Public Health (e.g., wear mouth-nose masks anywhere in public). Dorm tenants found violating these regulations will be warned and if the violation repeats itself, they may be expelled immediately from the dorms.

The various steps described above indicate that we are on our way to return to "routine" operations (not the routine we were accustomed to in the pre-Corona era, but definitely better than where we have been in recent weeks). However, this positive trend may be reversed at short notice if the rate of infection rises. The Ministry of Public Health has the authority to shut down the Technion (entirely or partially) if it finds that we have not followed the Purple Badge regulations and so I call on all readers to be mindful of their responsibility to their own health and the health of their colleagues and follow the regulations to the letter.

Stay well,

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Executive Vice President and Director General

PS. As with the previous updates, you are welcome to share this update with friends and families as you see fit.