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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,

Since early May we have gradually brought most of the Technion activities back on track (with the exception of frontal teaching and a few other functions). We are now getting ready to launch the exam period according to a revised framework which was distributed this week by the Senior Vice President. While the Technion and the rest of the country are adjusting to the new Corona reality, an alarming rise in the number of infected people was recorded in the last few days. This new wave of patients has cast some doubts on our ability to carry out the exams through physical presence on the campus.

Two Technion students were diagnosed yesterday as COVID-19 positive. One lives out of campus and the other one lives in our dorms with his wife. Details about the dates and places visited by the first student were published in our emergency site. The other couple was put in isolation and we are taking care of their basic needs.

Please note that our ability to implement the physical (on-campus) exams framework as published depends on the dynamics of the Corona spread. We all hope that the measures taken by the health authorities will "flatten the curve" of the newly infected people and this will enable us to carry on as planned. However, all of us – students, academic and administrative staff – should be prepared to switch to alternative evaluation schemes as explained in the exam framework document that was prepared and sent by the Senior Vice President.

As long as physical exams are taking place on campus, it is our duty to ensure we do them safely. Students and staff members arriving to campus for the exams should submit a digital health statement on the day of their arrival and be ready to present a confirmation to the security personnel. In addition to the security check at the Technion gates, we will position additional security staff at the entrances to major facilities where the exams will be held. In case there is any doubt that a student might have some Corona symptoms (e.g., light fever), s/he will be sent to a separate room to do the exam alone. As explained in the exams framework document, students who will present formal Corona sickness or isolation confirmation, will be offered suitable solutions to complete the courses through alternative evaluation methods. **It should be emphasized that arrival to the campus (by students living outside of the dorms) or to the exams facility (by students living in the dorms) of confirmed patients or people who were ordered to stay in isolation is a criminal offence that may lead to immediate arrest and criminal court procedures.** We hope that none of this will happen, but if do encounter such a case we will work with the law-enforcement agencies and implement our own disciplinary procedures to counter it.

I call upon everyone entering the Technion to comply with the health safety measures to the full extent – wearing masks, scanning the QR codes when entering and leaving each building, keeping at least 2 meters distance from others, avoiding congested presence with others in closed spaces, washing hands frequently, etc. Keeping up with these regulations will keep you and everyone around you safe.

With best wishes of good health,

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