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To: Academic & admin staff members and graduate students at the Technion and the Technion R&D Foundation Ltd.

Re: Changes in work patterns aimed at protecting against the spread of Covid-19 on our campuses

Dear all,

A month ago, as the second wave of Covid-19 hit us, the Technion management decided to capsule staff members and graduate students into separate capsules to reduce the risk of wide-spread infection on our campuses. Fortunately, it now looks like Technion has faced the second wave rather successfully. Indeed, we had 4 staff members and 4 students that were confirmed as Covid-19 positive, but all of them recovered well and without infecting others. Nation-wide, it looks like Israel is experiencing a gradual decline in the rate of infections and that the situation is under control.

Hence, we decided to add more flexibility and approve various protection patterns that will fit the special needs and activity profile of each faculty and admin unit. Deans and heads of admin units will determine the best pattern for their unit and will publicize it to the relevant audiences. Once published, employees and graduate students are invited to direct any question they may have to the Dean or anyone authorized by the Dean to respond to such questions.

We are managing the Technion and its academic and admin units under sever conditions of uncertainty. Any protection pattern chosen will involve certain risks and we are constantly trying to choose the best options given the trade-offs among them. No matter what pattern is chosen, it doesn't replace the personal responsibility each and every one of us should practice in applying the general protection measures – keeping at least 2 meters distance from others, wearing masks, washing hands, etc.

Each academic and admin unit will determine the date in which new or revised pattern will come into effect and publicize it accordingly and until such time the existing capsules pattern continues as before. The new patterns will be in effect until further notice (most likely till at least after the upcoming Jewish holidays).

With best wishes of good health,

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