Executive Vice President and Director General משנה לנשיא ומנכ"ל



March 4, 2020

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

Re: <u>Technion preparations in the face of the spread of the Corona virus – update #4</u> (following previous updates dated Jan. 31, 17 and Feb. 27 2020)

Dear all,

Given the increased spread of the Corona virus and its impact worldwide, the Israeli Ministry of Public Health has issued new regulations and guidelines that extend the isolation requirement to people arriving from Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria and Spain during the last two weeks (over and above the same requirement that already applies to China, Hong Kong, Macao, Thailand, Japan, Italy and South Korea). The implications of these new regulations on the Technion are as follows:

- All international conferences scheduled to take place at the Technion should be cancelled or delayed effective immediately and until further notice.
- Foreign citizens that arrived in Israel during the last two weeks must stay in isolation outside of the campus for 14 days from the time they left one of the countries listed above. Those that are already on campus (in the dorms or in the Forscheimer Guest House) should stay in isolation where they are (specific instructions regarding the isolation procedures will be issued separately).
- Foreign citizens who came from any country (not necessarily one of those listed above) during the last 14 days are not allowed to join gatherings of 100 or more people.
- Israeli citizens who visited one of the countries listed above should stay in isolation outside of the campus.
- Students who are unable to attend make-up exams (MOED BET in Hebrew) should follow the guidelines issued by the office of the Dean of undergraduate Studies.
- Foreign students who have any question regarding courses, exams etc. are kindly requested to approach the offices of Technion international where the staff will be happy to respond to any query.
- All non-essential work or study trips abroad should be cancelled or delayed. Travel to conferences or short period training sessions are NOT considered essential.

Even as the virus continues to spread and the barrage of guidelines and instructions intensifies, I call on everybody receiving this mail to stay calm, avoid sharing rumors or unsubstantiated news and continue the routine of work or study while paying attention to the general guidelines issued from time to time by the Ministry of Public Health.

With best regards,

Prof. Boaz Golany

Executive Vice President and Director General