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To: Technion Community

Dear all,

This coming Sunday (Oct. 11th) marks the end of the Jewish High Holidays period and the last week before we start the next academic year on Oct. 21st. On a regular year, the campus would have been rather busy in this period. But, this year we have to adjust everything we do to the Corona restrictions. Therefore, the way we shall perform from Sunday onwards is as follows:

- On Sunday and Monday (Oct. 11-12), entrance to the campus will still be restricted to those holding the special permits which we issued when the lockdown period started (the expiration date of the permits will automatically be extended to the 13th so there is no need to renew them). These couple of days will be used to prepare for what comes next. From the 13th onwards there will be no need to present such permits to the security personnel at the gates.
- Starting Tuesday Oct. 13th, we will expand the number of active research labs. Each lab director will prepare a work schedule for the employees and graduate students working in the lab so as to maintain the research continuity while keeping the number of people present at the lab at any given time minimal and following all the safety regulations.
- Deans and directors of admin units will prepare work schedules for their employees to ensure that all essential functions of their units will perform properly while adhering to the Corona safety regulations. Working from home will remain an option, but we have asked that except special cases employees will be scheduled to work from campus two days a week.
- A set of academic guidelines to lecturers and teaching assistants will be issued closer to Oct. 21st. Since the semester will start with 100% online teaching, we will not force the academic staff to come to the campus to teach but we shall certainly encourage them to do so and to use the classrooms that were recently equipped with state-of-the-art multi-media devices.
- A new code of behavior for our dorm tenants was recently prepared with the help of the Technion Student Association representatives. Students living on campus will be asked to sign in on this code.
- As long as there is no face-to-face teaching, we kindly ask that students who live outside the campus will refrain from entering it.
- Anyone entering campus must adhere to the Purple Badge regulations and other safety measure that might be imposed from time to time.
- The above guidelines are in effect until further notice. There is significant uncertainty regarding the spread of the virus and the decisions that our government will take to confront it. Hence, we have to be patient and agile to adjust to new regulations if and when they will be announced.

I wish all our students and staff, academic and administrative alike, a great new academic year.

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