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Students, employees, faculty members and guests at the Technion to the subject:

The return process to normalcy in light of the corona crisis.

Good evening,

Following the decline in the corona virus infection rate,

the Government of Israel began to ease the restrictions at the beginning of May, including in various sectors of the economy and in educational institutions.

We began to operate within the framework of the "green pass", allowing us to return a large part of the employees to our activities.

We continued operations of teaching laboratories, full libraries, study halls, the Synagogue, exams, and some sports activities - all to ensure the safety of all.

The ongoing measures - all to ensure the safety of all

will be operational for the duration of the period and we will continue to operate in line with the green pass guidelines.

We are operating within the framework of the green pass guidelines and are operating in line with the green pass guidelines.

We will continue to publish updates and personal messages of the Technion in the section dedicated to the corona crisis.

We hope that there will be no unusual developments in the coming weeks, and that we will see the return of full activity in the Technion by the end of June, in line with the guidelines of the "green pass" in all respects except the complete safety of all.

We are preparing to reopen the gates to guests, including visiting scholars.

Beginning in the second half of June, we will continue to require quarantine of 14 days for all guests, and we will arrange for this in the "Forsyth" dormitory.

We will shortly publish updates and personal messages of the Technion on the Technion website.

It should be noted that premature celebrations are to be avoided as the green pass guidelines allow for immediate closure of the Technion or parts thereof.

The responsibility of ensuring safety lies on all of us, individually.

It is difficult, especially as the number of infections increases, to give up the good news.

The experts in Israel and around the world, including our own, are working hard to achieve the end of the corona crisis within the next few months, in accordance with the guidelines of the health ministry.

We hope to see this period conclude in the coming months.

We have been through a difficult period in which we saw once again in a few months the Technion - as reflected in the numerous cases in which Technion staff volunteered to perform duties beyond their regular duties, demonstrated great flexibility in working from home, and implemented many other initiatives.

I would like to seize this opportunity to thank all who took part in these endeavors.

It is not possible to name all of these individuals, therefore I hope that the place is not enough and I am happy to receive other appropriate names for thanks.

I wish all of you a happy and healthy summer.

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To: students, administrative and academic staff members and visitors of the Technion
Re: Gradual return to routine operations following the spread of the Corona virus

Dear all,

Following the "flattening of the curve" in the spread of the COVID-19 virus in Israel, the government has eased some of the emergency regulations and we have started a gradual process of returning to "routine" operations. Since May 3rd we operate the campus according to the "Purple Badge" standards – we have opened teaching labs, libraries, self-learning spaces, the synagogue, several of the sport facilities, etc. – all according to strict health regulations. On Sunday we will re-open the swimming pool complex and release additional sport facilities. Please follow the updates on the Technion Corona Emergency webpage for more details. We are also preparing for gradual return of academic visitors and post-doctoral students – these visitors will need to stay in quarantine for 14 days after arriving to Israel and we will enable their stay at the Forsheimer Guest House on campus for this duration. Unless something dramatic happens in the next two weeks, the Technion and all other universities will be permitted to return to full-scale activity on June 14th.

While we are happy to be moving towards routine operations it should be emphasized that it’s too early to celebrate victory over Corona. The threat is still here and apparently is here to stay for quite some time. Hence, the new routine will include strict adherence to the Purple Badge regulations – social distancing, wearing face masks, washing hands, partitions between workers in closed quarters, etc. It’s important to keep in mind that violating the Purple Badge regulations may cause the closure of the Technion or one of its units and the responsibility to avoid such unfortunate situation is shared by all of us.

I am using this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in facing the challenges that the Technion encountered since the outbreak of the pandemic – students, administrative and technical staff, senior and junior academic staff. I will not try to list all that deserve our gratitude for fear that I will accidently omit someone. Suffice to say that there were numerous cases in which we have witnessed how folks volunteered to go over and beyond their duties, help others in need, be flexible with their time, etc. Once again, we have seen the true meaning of the term "the Technion Family" – a source of strength and inspiration to all of us for the future.

With best wishes for the Shavuot Holiday,

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