

The Irwin and Joan Jacobs Graduate School

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To: Graduate Students

From: Prof. Yehuda Pinchover, Jacobs Graduate School Vice Dean

## Re: Update on working in the labs due to the Coronavirus

Dear all,

I hope you, your families, and loved ones are in good health. As you know, the Technion is making every effort to allow for the best possible course of study and research in the special circumstances that we have all been subject to, while adhering to the Ministry of Health's instructions.

Here are some guidelines for graduate students who are having trouble returning to labs.

1. Following the update of the "purple badge" regulations, all graduate students can return to lab work, without the need for medical approval.

2. Students in health-risk groups may refrain from returning to the lab and continue their studies and research from home providing they present their advisor or the faculty vice-dean of graduate studies a document from a physician attesting that their medical situation prevent them from returning to the lab, as soon as possible. In such a case, they should coordinate with their advisor(s) how they should proceed with their studies and research including the amount of time they should devote to their research, and report it to the department graduate studies secretary, which will forward it to the graduate school. Scholarships issues should also be addressed and reported (whether the department recommends continuation of the scholarships during this period, etc.).

3. Students who cannot continue their research from home and are concerned about returning to the campus, as well as, parents of young children whose children are unable to return back to school, should submit a request to the graduate school together with with a recommendation of the department (from the advisor and the faculty vice-dean of graduate studies). The student must coordinate with the supervisor how to continue his studies, the amount of time devoted to research and the date of return to the lab. In cases of students with scholarships, the scholarship should also be addresses (whether the department recommends continuing / ceasing it during this period, etc.). If there is a disagreement between the student and the advisor, the student may contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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