* The Hebrew announcement will be followed by an English summary *

**Update the blue flag - Tel Aviv University**

In order to continue the guidelines regarding the blue flag and activities throughout the current corona period, which have been sent from time to time, in a widespread manner or through the academic and management units, and in light of the new restrictions starting from tomorrow (and we hope it's the last), we ask to update you on changes that have occurred in campus activities.

We emphasize that we are not going back to detail all the things we have become familiar with in recent times such as social distancing, increased hygiene and health measures, but all these of course continue to exist and at a higher rate.

In light of all that is mentioned in this document, it is related to the conditions and restrictions that prevailed to date, including the restrictions updated two weeks ago on the physical work on campus, in order to implement as of 8.1.2021:

1. The administration and academic campus work will be intensified to maintain communication, ensure the continued research of the team, and all managerial and administrative units will issue updated guidelines regarding the policy of daily reports from home.

2. The list of permitted activities will be reduced. In particular, physical examinations for students, except for medicine and health professions (vice-rector will give specific guidelines regarding this). No student will be allowed to access or use campus installations or libraries. Also, there will be no front teaching in open air spaces as in recent times.

3. The other activities that were permitted within the current restrictions will continue, including: continuous operation of laboratories, clinical training in health professions, and practical training outside the campus. All work required for the continued treatment of remote learning and teaching. Operations of the accounting, computing, payments and wages, campus installations, etc.

In addition, the entry restriction will be limited to 5 people at most in any closed room, including in the context of work and activities in laboratories.

We ask that we continue to be responsible for everyone in accordance with all the instructions to protect you and your surroundings.

We are repeating and emphasizing that an employee who feels well has the obligation to remain at home.

We look forward to the near end of the current lockdown and we hope that in the near future we can say with confidence that the previous year full of challenges that we went through is behind us.

With our love,

Gidi Frank, Director-General
Purple Tag Update - Tel Aviv University

Following the guidelines relating to the purple tag and to activities taking place during the Covid-19 period that were sent from time to time, and in light of the new restrictions that will apply from this Friday as we enter a third lockdown (and hopefully the last one), we would like to share some updated information. This note does not intend to be comprehensive - of course, all the measures that unfortunately became a central part of our daily life, such as social distancing or hygiene measures should continue to be respected.

In light of the above, this document refers specifically to the existing limitations, including the restrictions that were updated about two weeks ago on the scope of physical work on campus. The following guidelines will apply starting **January 8th 2021**:

1. The administrative and academic work on campus will continue to be limited; the Human Resources Division will issue updated guidelines to managers regarding approval and reporting of workdays from home.

2. The list of activities allowed to be performed on campus will be reduced. In particular, it will not be possible for students to take physical exams (except in medicine and the health professions). Students will not be allowed access and use of infrastructure and libraries on campus. And in-person instruction will not be allowed in the open air as has been the case in recent times.

3. The other activities that were permitted under the restrictions that have occurred so far will continue, including: Functional continuity of research laboratories. Clinical training in the health professions, and practical training off-campus. Any activity that is required for the continuity of distance learning and online teaching. Existence of core systems, computing, finance and salaries, maintenance and upkeep of campus infrastructure, etc.

Meetings will be limited to a maximum of 5 people in a closed space, including in the context of work meetings, activities in research laboratories, etc. In general, even under this limit, one should try to avoid as much as possible physical meetings of staff who do not work together regularly.

We ask that we continue to adhere to the personal responsibility of each and every one of you to meet the guidelines for the purpose of maintaining his or her health and the health of those around him or her. We reiterate that an employee who does not feel well must stay at home and report it to his or her supervisor.

We hope that with the end of the imminent lockdown and an increasing impact of the vaccination campaign, we will soon be able to get permission to re-expand the activities on campus, and of course wait impatiently to feel confident that this complex and challenging period is about to come to an end.

Sincerely,

Gady Frank, Director General