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We continue to monitor the updates and developments on the issue of the Corona virus regularly, and follow the Ministries of Health and Foreign guidelines.

In recent days, the Ministry of Health has issued an update on returnees from the following countries: Thailand, Singapore, Macau and Hong Kong.

The updated guidelines for returnees from these countries can be found in the Ministry of Health's website. The main guideline is to enter into a 14-day self-isolation, in addition to the directive that already exists for returnees from China.


During the isolation period, there is no entry to the university campuses or its facilities. Staff are not permitted to come to work and students cannot attend studies, exams, libraries or suchlike.

The University's management, together with the various academic and staff units, are monitoring visits of delegations, students and researchers from these countries and are in contact with them to ensure compliance with the Ministry of Health's guidelines.

In the case that you encounter a staff member, student or anyone else who, to the best of your knowledge, has returned from the states listed by the Ministry of Health and does not conduct self-isolation as required, please report to the University Security Center in your campus. The health of our community is very important and we should all comply with the instructions and guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Academic and administrative staff who are in solitary confinement are requested as much
as possible to work from home, in coordination with their direct supervisor, who should update the Human Resources Division. Self-isolation days will be recognized as sick leave by the Hebrew University. The Human Resource Division will be flexible in enabling flexible employment solutions as needed, in coordination with the staff member and their superiors.

We again wish to refer to the experience of our Asian students and researchers. At the Hebrew University, we strongly condemn abusive behaviors and statements towards students and scholars from various Asian countries. The Hebrew University is home to numerous students and faculty from China and East Asia, who are active members of our academic community. Please consider the difficulties that they are experiencing in the current circumstances, and as such we wish to support them on regular days and even more so during such a complex time. Please do your utmost to respect, support and help them whenever necessary and possible.

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This video produced by our International Office, featuring students, researchers and staff of the university, has received very wide exposure in China and in Israel and many positive comments acknowledging our support. The video is available at this link: https://youtu.be/MQHwVs3pmLY or at this link for those located in China: https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/fTDiFMsNy8P0BR1th9hP5Q

We will continue to support, respect and support the international students and researchers at the Hebrew University and in general.

Best Wishes

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