



Rothberg International School THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM



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Dear Students,

Yesterday, April 19, 2020, the Israeli government issued updated guidelines in a continued effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 in Israel while enabling a gradual and measured return to daily routine.

We would like to draw your attention to these updated guidelines, effective from April 19 through May 3:

- Everyone must wear masks while out in public. Anyone caught more than once without wearing a face mask in public will be issued a fine of 200 NIS. Operators of public facilities are not allowed to admit or to serve customers who are not wearing face masks.
- Individuals are allowed to go 500 meters beyond their own home for sports or prayer.
- Sports activities are permitted in fixed pairs, or with people from the same household.
- Beaches, parks, playgrounds, and municipal sports areas remain closed.
- Special education programs are allowed to operate for groups of up to three children, with 15-minute intervals between groups. Kids from three families can be looked after by a single carer.
- Visiting others in their homes is not allowed, except for three families who are in regular contact for childcare purposes.
- Outdoor prayers of up to 19 participants are allowed, with two meters between worshipers, all wearing masks.
- Weddings and circumcisions are allowed, attended by up to 10 people in an open area keeping a two-meter distance. Men are now permitted to visit mikveh ritual baths, provided there are no more than three people at the facility at any given time.

The below workplace and retail guidelines are in effect through April 30:

- Workplaces in the industry, production, and services sectors are permitted to have 30% of their employees come to work, or ten workers at the same time at the same workplace — whichever is higher.
- Those in high-risk groups vulnerable to COVID-19 are encouraged to avoid going in to work.

- Various retail stores — including those selling electrical goods, household goods, opticians, and others — are allowed to operate if they meet their own “purple badge” standard, which entails taking body temperatures upon entry, delineating a two-meter distance between customers at cash registers, erecting a physical barrier between buyer and seller, and frequent disinfecting.
- The number of people in the store at the same time must be restricted so that there are no more than two customers per active cashier. Four people per active cashier are allowed in stores larger than 400 square meters.
- Deliveries can be made from all stores, as well as pick up from stores that adhere to the regulations.
- Shopping malls, markets, restaurants, toy shops, beauty and hair salons, and clothing stores remain closed at this time.

For more information and details on the new regulations, please check the Health Ministry’s website: <https://govextra.gov.il/ministry-of-health/corona/corona-virus-en/guidelines/>
We recommend downloading the Health Ministry’s HaMagen app, which is available in several languages: <https://govextra.gov.il/ministry-of-health/hamagen-app/download-en/>

We would like to remind you - If you feel that you are developing illness, fever, with or without respiratory symptoms, you should go into home isolation and avoid contact with family members or roommates.

If you are concerned - Contact MDA by dialing 101 from your phone.

The Office of Student Life is here for you, so please don’t hesitate to contact us via email or emergency phone at any time: 0548820217.

Check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StudentLifeRIS/> and website <https://sites.google.com/view/risosl/> for more updates and online content.

Stay Healthy!



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