December 25, 2020

Dear Students,

As the cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Israel and the number of new infections has surged to over 3,000 cases per day for the last several days, the government has decided to declare a lockdown that will begin this coming Sunday (Dec. 27) at 5 p.m. and last for at least two weeks. The government will extend the restrictions for an additional two weeks if morbidity rates do not decrease significantly.

The major restrictions are:

- Entering another person's home, except for immediate family members, is forbidden.
- Movement is restricted to 1 kilometer (0.60 miles) from home, with exceptions for getting vaccinations.
- Commerce, leisure, and entertainment are shut down.
- Public transportation is limited to 50 percent capacity.
- Workplaces that do not deal with customers face-to-face are limited to 50% capacity.
- Restaurants are allowed to operate deliveries, but takeaway orders are banned.
- Gatherings are restricted to 20 people outdoors and ten indoors.
- Individual sports activities, such as jogging, are allowed.
- The education system will continue to function, with some restrictions. Kindergarten, grades 1-4, and grades 11-12 will hold classes from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents will be able to drop their children off at 7 a.m. and pick them up at 2 p.m. Special education programs will continue as usual.

We urge our students in Israel to exercise caution during this sensitive period and stay updated on current regulations. Regulations in Israel are strictly enforced by the authorities as well as university security and staff.

Our number one priority is our students' physical and mental well-being. As always, the Office of Student Life is available 24/7 to answer any questions or concerns. Our email for general inquiries: madrichimlife@savion.huji.ac.il and our Emergency phone is: 054-8820217.
We recommend you stay up to date through our social media channel, where we post regular updates with relevant information. We also recommend that all students follow the Ministry of Health’s English website, which regularly updates its coronavirus guidelines.

We wish you all a safe, healthy weekend!

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

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