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Dear students and postdocs,

During these challenging times, our thoughts are with each and every one of you. Your safety and well-being are our utmost priority. We want to assure you that your studies and classes are not a cause for worry at this moment – we will give more information on this front a bit later. We have important updates to share:

- If you wish, you have the option to return to your country. While being abroad, you can work remotely and continue to receive your fellowship.
- Due to the complexity of this period, and the challenges it presents, those of you who cannot attend the lab can work from home. Please keep in touch with your PI regularly to maintain and foster the sense of group-belonging, and feel free to share any difficulties with your peers and PI.
- We ask that you will update Ayelet Israel (ayelet.israel@weizmann.ac.il), Feinberg's Head of Administration, on the following cases:
 1. Emergency Drafting
 2. Injury, death, or disappearance of a student/postdoctoral fellow or a first degree relative (including spouses)
 3. Students/postdocs who are currently abroad, or those who decided to return to their home country or planning to travel abroad
- In case you do not have access to a shelter, you are invited to contact Dana Dvash, Head of Housing, for assistance: housing@weizmann.ac.il.
- In addition to the usual subsidy for emotional therapies in the community, students and postdocs will be able to receive four funded sessions with a trauma specialist. To make an appointment, please contact social worker Nirit Cohen Kraus (nirit.cohen-kraus@weizmann.ac.il).
- In light of current events, all studies – including orientation, courses and rotations – have been rescheduled. As of now, the heads of the universities have announced October 22 as the school year's opening date. It is obvious that the situation at present is fluid, and this date could change again. Our team will update you according to the governmental and institutional instructions.



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- Finally, due to the situation, it will be possible to extend the deadline for submitting academic reports – in coordination with your PI and faculty coordinator at FGS.

Our door is always open for you – feel free to share any difficulties that arise, any questions you may have, and of course we are at your disposal for anything and everything.

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