

Dear students, postdocs, and scientists,

We hope that you and your families are safe during these challenging days.

As communicated by the Institute's leadership, the campus is currently closed, and all academic and administrative activities are taking place remotely. Please do not come to campus unless you have received explicit approval to do so.

Staying closely connected with you is especially important for us at this time. We will continue to share updates as developments unfold, with the aims of providing clarity and guidance during this rapidly evolving situation.

At the Weizmann School of Science your safety, well-being, and academic progress remain our highest priorities. The past few days have brought personal, academic, and logistical challenges, and we are fully committed to supporting each of you. Whether you are abroad, serving in reserve duty, have had to leave your dorm room, have suffered personal loss or even just have had to transition to working remotely, we know this is difficult and remind you that you are part of our community. We stand behind you. Below is a summary of the key updates and support measures currently in place.

Reserve Duty Support

First and foremost, we want to express our deep appreciation and support to those of you who have been called to reserve duty. We remain fully committed to supporting you, both academically and personally, during this time.

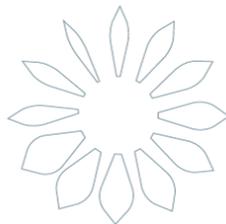
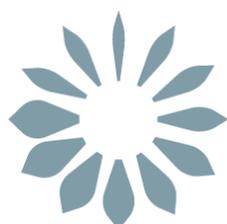
As a reminder, a dedicated framework for students and postdocs serving in IDF reserve duty was published at the beginning of the academic year. You can review it [here](#). This framework also applies, where relevant, to those whose spouses or partners are serving in mandatory military service, career military service, reserve duty, or other security forces. If necessary, we will continue to assess and adjust this framework in response to future developments, to ensure it meets evolving needs.

In the meantime, if you have been called to reserve duty, please make sure to inform the WSoS Military Reserve Coordinator at dana.yanay@weizmann.ac.il.

If you have any questions or require support, do not hesitate to reach out to the Coordinator at dana.yanay@weizmann.ac.il.

Semester 1 exams - Schedule B

All exams scheduled for this week have been postponed. A new date for these exams, as well as for those originally planned for next week, will be announced at least seven days in advance of the rescheduled date. Detailed instructions regarding the format of each exam, whether held via Zoom, conducted as an alternative assessment, or administered in another format, will be communicated with the new schedule



Academic Extensions for All

All students will receive academic extensions, in line with the duration and impact of the current situation and any period during which campus access is restricted.

First year MSc students - Rotation 2

We are adjusting rotation policies to ensure academic continuity due to the situation on campus:

- Remote-eligible rotations may continue via Zoom.
- Experimental rotations will be assessed once the duration of the disruption is clarified, and further guidance will be provided as needed.

MD-PhD students

Students in the MD-PhD Program will continue their studies remotely, in accordance with the Medical School's guidelines.

Looking Ahead: Semester 2

We are working diligently to ensure that semester 2 begins on time and as scheduled, with efforts in place to maintain a stable, high-quality learning environment.

Stipends Continue as Usual

All monthly stipends are being paid as usual. The current days off campus are not considered vacation days.

Postdocs and Students Abroad on Official Travel

Postdocs and students who are temporarily abroad on official travel remain eligible for hotel and daily living expenses, in accordance with Institute policies. Travel insurance coverage will be automatically extended as needed.

International student/postdoc support

We have established a dedicated emergency fund to support our international students and postdocs as they navigate the challenges they may face.

Additional Resources – Wellbeing and Support

For your assistance, please find two short informational booklets:

- **Mental health & wellbeing tools**, including links to support services
- **Key contacts across the Weizmann Institute** who are ready to assist with any concerns

Please download and save these resources. Remember that you are not alone – we are here for you! Please reach out and share.



Important. Please Update Us

To help us support you effectively during this period, please inform us if you, or your spouse or partner, have been called to reserve duty, are traveling abroad, or are experiencing any other circumstances that may impact your studies and research. You may update us at: WSOS-HR@weizmann.ac.il.

With care and commitment,

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