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Dear students,

With the conclusion of the first week of our partial return to campus, I want to thank you for your cooperation. Urgent changes in the current situation require constant reassessment and adjustments to a new reality on a near daily basis. The flexibility and preparations required can drain significant mental and material resources. As I have written earlier, staff, teachers, school and department administrators, and the faculty administration are aware of the difficulties associated with returning to campus. Some of you have left the central area, others are struggling to support themselves, and more. We are taking everything into consideration and integrating all data into our plan for returning to campus, which we hope will be as smooth and easy as possible. In any case, we are carefully examining every issue and problem related to returning to campus. We will offer solutions through our school and departmental offices as problems arise. These solutions will allow completion of the semester as well as upholding the high academic level of faculty courses.

Despite the many difficulties associated with returning to campus, I would like to ask you to make a great effort to attend practical courses. These courses are unique to our faculty and face-to-face meetings contribute greatly to communication on the conscious and unconscious levels. I am referring not only to courses in movement, acting, or music, where the benefit of meeting in person is clear, but also to other courses, for example in architecture, film, or digital media. I am convinced that face-to-face meetings in these courses as well as in theoretical courses—lectures, proseminars, and seminars—contribute greatly to learning. Unfortunately, as the danger of infection with coronavirus is still present, in-person learning in theoretical courses is not yet possible.

In this context, I would like to remind you to uphold all precautions so that not one student becomes infected. I remind you maintain two-meter distance, wear a mask, maintain hygiene, and disinfect surfaces upon which you work both before and after activities. The pandemic has not yet passed, and it is our duty to uphold rules for the benefit of your health and that of the faculty and university staff—both administrative and teaching. I would also like to mention that if a student is infected with the virus, activities in the unit in which he or she is studying will take a two-week hiatus. The University and the faculty take your health and that of the general public very seriously. Please help us with that as well.

I invite you to back to the campus to engage in meaningful artistic work.

To everyone's good health,

Prof. Eran Neuman