



**COVID-19 ARRIVAL PROCEDURES**  
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Shalom,

We would like to notify you regarding the arrival procedures of international students during COVID-19 times. Arrival during this period requires compliance with special Covid-19 regulations of the Ministry of Health and Immigration Authority. As such, the Hebrew University is legally committed to ensure strict compliance of these regulations and is responsible for their implementation.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS/POST DOCTORAL FELLOWS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE COUNTRY WITHOUT HUJI AUTHORIZATION.**

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**A. REGISTRATION – required in order to initiate the arrival process**

1. IT IS **MANDATORY** THAT EVERY NEW AND RETURNING STUDENT/POST DOCTORAL FELLOW (with the exception of the Rothberg International School and Faculty of Agriculture Students) NOTIFY THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE VIA THE FOLLOWING **WEBSITE**

**Rothberg International School (RIS)** students should contact Ms. Linda Lipstein - [lindal@savion.huji.ac.il](mailto:lindal@savion.huji.ac.il)  
**Faculty of Agriculture** students should contact – Ms. Mahyan Gon – [mahyang@savion.huji.ac.il](mailto:mahyang@savion.huji.ac.il)

2. Following registration in the website, students will receive a letter with full details on the next stage of the arrival and return process, including information about health insurance, reservations and costs of self-quarantine accommodation.
3. The student will be required to submit all the requested documents, information and payments via the online system.
4. The student will receive ongoing support regarding his/her arrival plans and during self-quarantine.

## **B. VISAS FOR NEW STUDENTS (and returning students whose visa expired prior to March 2020)**

In order to study in Israel, students will need an A/2 Student Visa. Applications for visas are via an Israeli Embassy or Consulate abroad. Spouses and children will also be granted visas.

In addition to the A/2 Student Visa, students will receive an 'Entry permit' to Israel which grants entrance to Israel **at most 30 days** before the start date of the academic program.

**Entry into Israel earlier than 30 days will not be permitted.** Please ensure that your letter of acceptance/invitation coincides with your arrival date.

In order to be granted a visa, students will need to provide the following documents:

1. Completed and signed application for a visa to enter Israel ([click here to download the Application for a Visa to Enter Israel](#))
2. Two passport pictures (5x5 cm)
3. A formal letter of acceptance form including start date of studies
4. Proof that the student has the financial means to pay for her/his studies and subsistence throughout the stay in Israel
5. A travel document (e.g. passport) that is valid for at least one year, provided that the home country has a diplomatic mission in the State of Israel. If there is no such mission in Israel, the passport must be valid for the entire period of studies and another six months beyond that
6. Fee payment ([click here to open the table of fees](#)).

**COVID-19 Update: As of July 22nd, students will need to provide the following additional forms in order to be granted a visa:**

- A letter from Hebrew University confirming the isolation conditions upon your arrival in Israel
- Approval from the Israeli Ministry of Health of the isolation conditions

**Important: Both forms will be provided you by the university ONLY after completion of student enrollment and payments.**

For more information about visas and other consular services please visit the website of the [Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).

### **C. ENTRY PERMITS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS (with valid visa or visa expired after March 2020) - MANDATORY**

All returning students require a special entry permit.

**Important: The entry permit will be provided you by the International Office ONLY after completion of submission of required documents and payments (if applicable).**

### **D. HEALTH INSURANCE**

It is mandatory for all international incoming students to purchase “Harel Yedidim” Health Insurance, which includes Covid-19 coverage, prior to arrival.

### **E. SELF-QUARANTINE**

The Israeli Government requires all incoming students who are arriving to Israel to enter a 14 day self quarantine period upon arrival, with the exception of students arriving from “Green countries”.

Important to note that the list of red and green countries will change every two weeks. Given the dynamic nature of this list, we recommend that you check regularly this [website](#) for directives on red/green countries.

Self quarantine must be completed in a university allocated location that has been pre-approved by the Ministry of Health with the exception of married couples/families who are permitted to quarantine in their private apartments.

It is permitted for students to self-quarantine in shared apartments of up to 6 persons. There are a few options available (Student Village, Bet Maierdorf Faculty House, Bet Reisfeld Faculty Club – Faculty of Agriculture Students).

Please note that students will be assigned to a spot based on availability.

We will make every effort to accommodate specific requests and request understanding in the case of differences in dorm allocation than requested.

In the case that your country of origin changes from a green country to a red country, please contact us ASAP and we will assist you with reserving self-quarantine accommodation on a first come first served basis.

The university will assist students in quarantine with food supplies and meals.

During this period, students who develop symptoms will be removed from the shared apartment and moved to allocated room.

Students will be required to:

1. Sign a HUJI consent form regarding self-quarantine regulations;
2. Self-report on self-quarantine to the Ministry of Health, via scan of QR code on the entry permit. Guidance and help will be provided at the airport on arrival;
3. Self-report on self-quarantine in the [HUJI website](#).

There are Covid-19 contact persons in case of queries and emergencies.

## **F. APPLICATION TO ENTER ISRAEL**

Before air travel, you must submit an **application** to enter Israel no more than 24 hours before air travel to Israel. Passengers must fill out a form with personal information and a health declaration.

## **G. TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT**

On arrival in Israel, please note that it is mandatory to arrive to the self-quarantine facility individually, in a private taxi with only one other passenger or with nuclear family members. Travel by public transportation from the airport is strictly forbidden.

## **H. GUIDANCE ON ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL**

- Travelers required by law to wear a facemask that covers the nose and mouth at the airport (ages 7 years and older), and onboard the aircraft (ages 6 years and older).
- Passengers must stay at least 2 meters from people who do not live in the same household as they do.
- Passengers must practice hygiene, which includes washing hands with sanitizers.

## **I. CONTACTS**

- General Visa Assistance: Ms. Gal Lombrozo – Email: [Gallom@savion.huji.ac.il](mailto:Gallom@savion.huji.ac.il)
- General Assistance at International Office: Ms. Anelle Ben Soussan - Email: [intlooffice@savion.huji.ac.il](mailto:intlooffice@savion.huji.ac.il)

## J. USEFUL WEBSITES

[Travel Guidelines](#)

[HUJI COVID-19 Website](#)

This situation is certainly a challenging one - for us as a university, and no less so for our international students. We kindly request your cooperation and support to ensure that the absorption process is as smooth as possible. Due to this new and dynamic situation, we foresee some bureaucratic challenges ahead, and ask for your understanding and patience as we navigate these next few months until the start of the new academic year.

Best Wishes,

The International Office  
Rothberg International School