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- *For the next semester, we'll be implementing **HyFlex+ Tec**, a model that will allow onsite and remote activities to be combined.*
- *We'll be starting in the August-December 2020 semester remotely on **August 10**.*
- *From **September**, we plan to start a **gradual migration to onsite activities voluntarily for those who wish to do so**.*
- ***When enrolling, you can choose between** fully remote and hybrid groups, in which some onsite sessions will be combined with other remote ones.*
- *Choosing a **hybrid course involves onsite attendance for up to half of the sessions**. The rest of the time, you will take part remotely.*
- ***You may have to migrate your onsite sessions to remote ones at any time**.*
- ***We will be offering onsite Student Leadership and Education (LiFE) services and activities**, conditions permitting in each city.*
- *Capacities of spaces such as **libraries, gymnasiums, and cafeterias will be subject to the restrictions set out by the authorities**.*
- *Scheduling of courses will be such that **you may only go to campus two or three times a week**.*
- ***It will be essential to wear face masks** and follow the recommendations on social distancing, checkpoints at entrances and health and safety practices.*
- ***Tec bus and residence services will be available with the corresponding restrictions**.*

Announcement on the start of the 2020-2021 academic cycle

Dear students,

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and well. As we informed you on May 28, the August-December 2020 academic period will be taught in a hybrid format consisting of remote and onsite activities. On that date, we promised to continue sending you details about the return to classes in August as we received further information on the development of the COVID-19 pandemic. As we've been observing the development of the pandemic and official recommendations and have made progress on the design of our model, I can today give you further details about the start of academic activities.

For the cycle beginning in August, our goal is to enable students to study at the Tec in the manner that best suits their characteristics and needs. Therefore, **we'll be implementing HyFlex+ Tec for the August-December 2020 cycle**, a different and innovative model that will allow you to combine onsite and remote activities, depending on your circumstances and the conditions that apply in your cities and campuses at different times.

Based on how the pandemic has developed in Mexico and recommendations from the health authorities, we have decided **to start the academic cycle remotely on August 10**. From September, we plan to start a **gradual migration to onsite activities, as permitted by the local authorities** in the cities where your campuses are located. We've established safety protocols at all campuses, which will enable us to perform this migration safely, always bearing in mind that the return to **onsite activities will be voluntary**.

When you enroll, you can choose between groups that will be taught fully remotely throughout the academic period and hybrid groups that will combine some onsite sessions with other remote ones.

The combination of remote and hybrid courses will be **decided by each of you**, based on what is available from your campus and degree program. Those who wish to do so can take all of their courses with remote groups. If you choose hybrid courses, you will find options that will allow you to combine your course load with remote courses.

Choosing a hybrid course involves onsite attendance for up to half of its sessions, depending on the schedule established and while the conditions in the city where your campus is located allow this. The rest of the time, students will take part remotely. You should know that **you may have to migrate your onsite sessions to remote ones** at any time, in accordance with the pandemic conditions in the city where your campus is located.

We know that there are many other activities that you, our students, value in addition to the curricular academic component of your education. That's why **we'll be offering onsite Student Leadership and Education (LiFE) services and activities at your campuses**. Again, this depends on the conditions in each city. Capacities of spaces such as **libraries, gymnasiums, and cafeterias will be subject to the restrictions set out by the authorities**, but we'll seek to ensure that your **experience is always of great quality and complements your campus experience** despite this.

In order to avoid large crowds, our courses will be scheduled so that **you may only go to campus two or three times a week**, which you will be informed about once you have enrolled.

Regarding the conditions of our campuses, the entrances to these will have a strict health checkpoint in order to preserve the health of the Tec community above all. **It will be essential to wear face masks** and we ask our students and teachers to follow the recommendations on social distancing, checkpoints at entrances and health and safety practices that we now know contribute to controlling the pandemic in order to protect us all.

Furthermore, **Tec bus and residence services will be available with the** corresponding restrictions.

We'll be asking you to **take a survey that we'll sending you soon** in order to better prepare for the start of classes in August and estimate the course loads that we can expect in the different components of the HyFlex+ Tec model at our campuses. It won't take you more than a couple of minutes to answer the questions. I suggest you think carefully about the implications of your choices and the impact they'll have on the way you wish to live in these new circumstances during your educational experience. Due to the great complexity of the situation we're experiencing, participation in this consultation exercise by each and every one of you will help us greatly in planning the August-December academic cycle in the best way possible.

HyFlex+ Tec is an innovation by our academic experts that includes the best of our experience from many years in distance learning and guidelines from the best international experiences. What's more, it incorporates what we've learned from the MFD+ that we applied during these first months of the pandemic. Finally, **it includes ideas and improvements that have arisen from consultations and feedback sessions with you**, our students, who are those most affected by and interested in the effectiveness of our programs. It has one objective: **to enable you to continue your academic education with the highest standards of quality, in accordance with the requirements of the times we're living in, within a safe environment, and with a very Tec experience.**

For our **new students**, we acknowledge that these are not the conditions under which we would have wished you to start your university life at the Tec. However, I guarantee you will find a community that is united and committed to releasing your transformative potential in those of your classmates who have already experienced the first wave of the pandemic, in your teachers who are more **committed than ever to educating you with excellence, and in all Tec's collaborators.**

The pandemic has put us all to the test as people, as an institution, and as a society. Over these months, we've learned that our capacity to respond depends on our ability to adapt and be flexible in the face of the uncertainty and diversity of our geographical footprint across the nation. Until now, we've been guided by our founding principles and the trust and commitment of you all to your education at Tec. We feel proud of you, our students, as we've seen that you're giving the best of yourselves to continue with your studies, your projects, and your dreams, despite these adverse conditions that we had not experienced before. The role of thousands of teachers and collaborators to guarantee that we continue to fulfill our purpose: **Education that Transforms Lives.**

The closeness and contact we have in the weeks to come are very important, so I ask that you keep informed at all times through our official channels. I recommend that you consult the sections related to academic continuity in the FAQ on our site: tec.mx/es/coronavirus-covid-19.

With gratitude and affection,

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