

July 21, 2020

Announcement on August 2020 Enrollment for Student Plans prior to 2019

- The August 2020 semester will begin under the HyFlex+Tec format for all our students.
- Depending on availability at campuses, you will be able to choose the format that best suits your needs (remote or hybrid) for certain courses and programs.
- The semester will begin fully remotely, and the hybrid format will be implemented as the conditions at each campus allow.
- We recommend that all students take the introductory module of **HyFlex+Tec** and talk to your families in order to make the best decision regarding your choice.
- The enrollment process for students on plans prior to 2019 will be from July 27 to 31. More specific information, as well as the dates and times for this process, will be provided by your campuses.
- Returning to campuses will involve respecting and following the control and prevention measures on each of them, depending on health warning levels.

Dear students and parents,

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and well. As we have already informed you, we will be implementing **HyFlex+Tec** for the August 2020 semester. This is a hybrid academic experience combining remote activities with others that are onsite and flexible, which will enable us to move quickly from one format to the other according to the conditions that occur due to the pandemic at the different cities where we are located.

The aim of this design is to protect everyone's health while providing the on-campus experience once again. Our teachers have been outstanding due to their great talent and capacity for sharing the best learning practices, regardless of onsite or remote format, with the quality and commitment we are famous for.

What's more, we have added contributions to this educational experience such as the **LiFE** experience, Tec value benefits, community outreach, access to the **Boost Your Skills** program, as well as the resources available from the **Taking Care of Your Mind** initiative.

With **HyFlex+Tec**, you will be able to choose between a fully remote learning experience and a hybrid one (mainly remote with some onsite elements), depending on your preferences and the availability we can offer per campus. We have designed a brief introductory module to help you understand what **HyFlex+Tec** consists of in order to support you in making this decision. We invite you to take a few minutes to learn about it on this site: <u>https://mitec.itesm.mx/sites/Academia/Cursos/HyFlexPlus</u> **before July 24**.

As in previous semesters, the process for choosing your timetable will be through the SIDI enrollment system, where you will be able to choose your subjects and groups according to curriculum progress and availability at your campus. Furthermore, you should specify for each group whether you wish to study in remote or hybrid format and according to timetable availability. The hours available for your timetable can be consulted in MiTec from Wednesday, July 22.

Below, we inform you of some of the general **control and prevention measures** that we will be carrying out over the next semester, which you can also consult on the website <u>https://tec.mx/es/regreso-consciente</u>:

- The return to **onsite activities will be voluntary** in order to favor individual responsibility and freedom.
- Activities will begin again according to the **Health Level Warning System** provided by the federal authorities and pursuant to local authority guidelines. Only when the level is **green** can there be a return to weekly hybrid onsite courses.
- We will be implementing **specific guidelines** at all campuses in order to take special care of the most vulnerable members of our Tec community.
- Passing through **health checkpoints** will be obligatory in order to enter your campus. At these, we will take your body temperature and scan a QR code generated as the result of a **health self-diagnosis** that you will complete every day via an **app**.
- Face masks must be worn at all times. Frequent hand washing and the adoption of respiratory etiquette (coughing or sneezing into the crook of your arm) will also be obligatory.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in high-traffic buildings and zones.
- Members of the community must stay **1.5 meters** apart.
- Spaces will be modified to favor the use of **natural ventilation**.
- Facilities and services will be used according to restrictions that are clearly indicated to generate a safer environment for everyone.
- We will use technological tools for **monitoring and traceability** with high standards of privacy to help us make decisions preventively and gradually.
- Socio-emotional support will be provided via a **helpline** and the **Taking Care of Your Mind** initiative.

I ask you to pay attention to the conditions listed for the reentry protocol so that you can complete the **enrollment process** promptly and correctly, and to also take note of the process to be followed for enrollment and deadlines.

Whether we are successful in reactivating our university life will depend on the **commitment of everyone in the community** (authorities, academics, teachers, collaborators, and of course you, our students) to following instructions and recommendations responsibly. We have been presented with a wonderful opportunity for the Tec to show once again that we can take care of each other, whilst recovering those elements of our community life that we value so much. The following channels are at your disposal for comments and queries:

Telephone: 800 112 2022 Email: <u>puntoazul@itesm.mx</u> WhatsApp (text messages only): 8116255123 Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Mexico Central Time)

We shall prevail over this situation that has affected us all with resilience, flexibility of adaptation, attitude, and commitment. Keep taking care of yourselves and your loved ones and following the provisions on social distancing, wearing face masks, and personal health measures that have proven effective in preventing infection.

We shall stay in touch with you to inform you of any new provisions that emerge during the progress of the pandemic over the following weeks.

Warmest regards,

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