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- *By the end of this month, we will have openings in at least 90% of our campuses.*
- *This summer and during the August 2021 semester, students will be able to select the modality of their choice.*
- *We will have on-campus sessions, classroom activities, and new tools to enrich the learning experience.*
- *The reconfiguration of our facilities considers the strictest safety and hygiene protocols.*
- *We have collaborated in the implementation of the National Vaccination Strategy and actively participated through our campuses.*

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## **Announcement on the closing of this semester and progress of the Summer and August-December semesters.**

### **We are ready return to on-campus activities!**

Dear students, and parents:

We send you our warmest greetings. We are pleased to know that this academic period is concluding satisfactorily and that, aware of the challenges, our community has adapted to the academic and welfare initiatives that we have implemented to maintain the excellence that distinguishes us. We extend our special recognition to our professors, and employees, who have trained intensively, adapted to the circumstances, and innovated to respond to the challenges.

As we have previously reported, **we are constantly analyzing the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic** to guide the appropriate decision-making for the benefit of our community. **Since January 2021 and in coordination with the authorities in each city and state**, we have carried out the **gradual reopening of several campuses**, considering **outdoor study spaces, wellness/LiFE activities, laboratory practices, workshops, Tec21 challenges, Zero Faculty Sessions (campus visit), mentoring, Center for Linkage and Professional Development (formerly CVC), hybrid events, and professors in classrooms with distance students**, among other activities.

In addition, **we have enabled the face-to-face format of our HyFlex+ Tec model in six cities.**

Strict adherence to sanitary measures and protocols, such as **our wastewater case monitoring system (MARTEC)**, the application of **PCR testing of saliva**, the reduction of overcrowding, the proper use of masks, and maintaining distance between people, have been fundamental to the success of our return.

For several months now, **our campuses have been prepared to operate in both classroom and hybrid formats**. Today, in agreement with the authorities and under strict sanitary protocols, **we have opened academic and wellness activities at 16 campuses and 8 high schools**, which will eventually involve up to five thousand students a week.

In that sense, we inform you with great enthusiasm that we anticipate closing this month with **openings in at least 90% of our campuses and we are completely ready to start the**

**next Summer term and August 2021 semester, in hybrid mode.** We reiterate that **the return of students is voluntary**, and all our programs are **subject to the epidemiological risk conditions of each entity.**

### **How will we experience the return for Summer and the next semester in August 2021?**

We will continue with the deployment of the HyFlex+Tec model, through the implementation of the following actions:

- Part of our **educational offer** will include different formats:
  1. **Face-to-face:** in some of our groups, 100% of the enrolled students will be able to attend all the sessions of the course in the classroom, with a limited capacity.
  2. **Hybrid:** allows for face-to-face and distance class sessions, alternating students in a group and taking advantage of the digital resources available.
  3. **Remote:** students will take their classes and sessions remotely throughout the course, which will be transmitted through technological tools.
- **The groups in each modality will be activated** according to the permitted and authorized capacity, always in accordance with the guidelines established by the authorities.
- **The hybrid experience will not be limited to the classroom:** LiFE activities, academic services, social service, and the different elements that make up the experience of our student community will also be incorporated from the summer term as well.
- **We will offer new tools to enrich the remote learning experience:** Flexible Leveling Courses, Strengthening Practical Competencies (through workshops and laboratories), internationalization experiences with meaningful learning (Global Learning), resources to support the transition to the labor market (Launching Pad), and experiential programs that we have already successfully tested this semester: Unplugged Days, Wellness Breaks and Wellbeing Days.

We do not want to miss the opportunity to share with you that we have important advances on **local events related to graduation**, subject to the conditions of each entity. During the following two weeks, you will receive news from your campuses.

Likewise, **the reconfiguration of our facilities** considers the strictest **safety and hygiene protocols established at a global level:**

- Wastewater monitoring
- PCR testing of saliva
- Tracking of cases through technological tools
- Space ventilation through the increase of fresh indoor airflow
- Cafeterias and food vending areas with take-out only service
- Regulatory-compliant labeling and signs
- Digital services in BiblioTEC and Learning Commons
- We are the first educational institution in Mexico to obtain the worldwide *CovidClean* certification granted to organizations dedicated to housing services for their Residence Hall buildings.



It is important to mention that our Conscious Return Plan is designed to increase, reduce capacity, or even if conditions force us to return to remote mode, if necessary.

### **Our contribution to the vaccination strategy**

From the very beginning, **we have collaborated in the implementation of the National Vaccination Plan**, through the participation of volunteers, medical equipment, and logistical capabilities of our campuses in the campaigns in Nuevo León, Estado de México, and Chiapas, with which **we have supported the application of more than 72,500 vaccines**. At all times **we have been prepared, hand in hand with TecSalud**, to implement protocols, which are regularly updated as new findings of the virus are scientifically confirmed, and **we follow the guidelines and best practices of national and international organizations**. This progress is very positive and accelerates our return to face-to-face activities, always putting the health of the Tec community as the first priority.

We remind you to visit our [Conscious Return Site](#) for more information and to stay tuned to official communications from your campuses. We also invite you to share any concerns you may have at [tecservices@servicios.tec.mx](mailto:tecservices@servicios.tec.mx), where you will be referred to the responsible area, or to contact your career or program directors, mentors, or tutor professors, who will provide you with precise guidance.

We are about to live a new reality. It will be challenging, but we will certainly learn to enjoy it to the fullest.

We are excited to have you back!

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