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# The Government has Approved the Extension of the Current Restrictions and the Extensive Reopening of the Education System

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### **Joint announcement – The Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Education**

The government approved tonight (Monday) the Ministry of Health's motion to extend the current restrictions (approved as part of the 4th phase and currently effective) until 28.4.2021. Furthermore, the government approved the extension of existing transportation regulations until 29.4.2021. Additionally, the government extended the Ministry of Finance's Purple Badge regulations for workplaces until 12.5.2021.

**Furthermore, the government approved in principle the motion by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education for the extensive reopening of the education system according to the following outline effective Sunday, 18.4.2021. The final regulations will be brought to the government's approval once they have been completed.**

Schools will reopen for all age groups with no capsule formation, effective Sunday, 18.4.2021. There will be no restrictions upon teachers and teacher assistants' ability to move between classes and schools.

This reopening shall be carried out subject to a strict intervention model for coping with outbreaks that allows for extensive monitoring and virus spread prevention. This model will be drawn by the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education and the Federation of Local Authorities in Israel.

At this stage, the informal education system, clubs as well as the higher education system will continue operating under the same format. Continued relaxation measures for this system will be examined in next week's discussion between the relevant government Ministries.

#### **In the matter of coronavirus tests in Ben Gurion International Airport, the government has decided as follows:**

In order to increase passenger capacity in Ben Gurion International Airport, a testing complex will be built outside the terminal.

In order to achieve this goal, a task-force will be created under the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, with input from the Directors General from the Ministries of Finance, Transportation, Health, Economy and Tourism, as well as the Accountant General, to discuss the details of issuing a public bid for building this complex including its location, its operation and its funding methods. The task-force will present its recommendations within 14 days.

Until such a testing complex is built, testing activities in the terminal halls will remain unchanged, as currently provided by Omega Company.

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