



Thursday 23 July 2020

COVID-19 Incident Notice

Dear Student,

Federation University Australia's must advise that unfortunately we have had a staff member at the Wimmera Campus test positive to COVID-19.

The campus is now closed for deep cleaning. Please do not come to class until we notify you when it is safe to reopen.

The staff member had attended the campus over the past 14 days but it is unclear whether they had symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of attendance. They are now in self-isolation for the next 14 days.

We are notifying all of our Wimmera based staff and students. External contractors who may have been on campus over this same period are also being identified and contacted.

Who must get tested and self-isolate?

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been notified immediately to commence contact tracing.

DHHS will begin contact tracing following privacy legislation to protect the identity of staff and students. If DHHS need to contact you, please remember it will be via a private number.

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (sore throat, cold, fever or difficulty breathing), you should get tested immediately and self-isolate until you receive your test result. You can use the [coronavirus interactive self-assessment](#) on the DHHS website for guidance, if you have any symptoms.

You can find your nearest COVID-19 testing location at:

Horsham Respiratory Clinic

148 Baillie Street, Horsham

[You can book via this link](#) or on 5382 0011. Follow this link for further [testing sites across Victoria](#).

Federation University COVID-19 hotline for reporting

If you are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19, you must report it as follows.

During business hours: call the **COVID-19 hotline on (03) 5122 6300**.

Outside business hours: call the **Emergency phone number 1800 333 732** for confirmed cases (positive test result). Call the COVID-19 hotline for suspected cases and negative COVID-19 test results (leave a message to be followed up the next morning).

Accessing support

This news will come as a shock for many students so if you need to speak to anyone, we encourage you to review the health and wellbeing resources available to students. A full list of services can be found at COVID-19 Support for Students https://federation.edu.au/news/articles/federation-university-australias-response-to-the-coronavirus#Students_support_services.

If you are feeling anxious or distressed about the impacts of COVID-19 on you, or your studies, you can talk with a Federation University counsellor free of charge, via phone or online. Get emergency contacts and learn how to [make an appointment here](#).

Please stay safe and we will provide further updates in the coming days.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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