



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

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Dear Student,

The Victorian Government has today announced that regional Victoria will move to the 'third step' in the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) roadmap to reopening](#) due to COVID-19 case numbers dropping below a daily average of five in the past fortnight.

Metropolitan areas of Melbourne remain at the 'first step' and our thoughts are with our students living in these areas.

It is an exciting moment for many of us living in regional areas though, as it means there will be new opportunities to spend time with friends and family.

However, this does not mean a return to campus yet. Study from home continues wherever possible and you should only attend campus when invited to do so or if you have booked an [on campus study space](#).

The Transition Control Group, in consultation with the Schools and Directorates, is planning for a limited resumption of more face to face teaching at our regional campuses in the second half of semester (see below). We understand that many of our staff and students are eager to return to campus but the first steps will be limited and controlled.

The key points to the "third step" are

- No restrictions on leaving home
- Spend time with others outside where possible
- Public gatherings: up to 10 people outdoors
- Visitors allowed at home from 1 other nominated household (up to 5 people)
- Schools return to onsite learning from Term 4 with safety measures

- Hospitality open for outdoor and indoor seated service with density and time limits
- All retail open, and extended to personal care such as beauty and tattooing where a mask can be worn
- Outdoor contact and non-contact sport to return for children and outdoor non-contact sport permitted for adults
- Continuing requirement to wear a face mask or covering outside of your home.

The COVID-19 Transition Control Group continues to assess the government's roadmap to plan our transition to campus. This is detailed work involving academic and corporate leadership and Deans from across our schools. We are assessing the following against the roadmap:

- Each campus – planning tailored to different levels of restrictions and dates for reopening
- Every discipline and course – assessing students' needs to graduate or progress their studies
- Safety measures – contact tracing and a robust approach to collecting health information
- Revised language – aligning our 'phases' to reflect the new approach by the Victorian Government.

Thank you for your patience as we work through the plan. If you are required to attend a class on campus, you will be advised directly via Moodle or email, but at this stage there is no change for the majority.

We look forward to providing more information and will update you again as soon as possible.

Stay safe.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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