



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Friday 6 August 2021

Dear Student,

Late yesterday, the Victorian Government announced a seven-day lockdown in response to a number of “mystery” COVID-19 cases and concerns over the rapid transmissibility of the Delta variant of the virus.

Details of the temporary impacts on our campus operations are below, as well as links to advice on restrictions, health and wellbeing support, and advice on how to proceed with studying from home.

Government advice on the South East Queensland lockdown is expected over the weekend.

In Victoria, our campuses in Ballarat, Berwick, Gippsland and the Wimmera are temporarily closed until Friday 13 August, apart from some limited practical activities.

In Brisbane, our Brisbane Campus is also temporarily closed until Monday 9 August.

Impact on operations and access to campus

- All Higher Education and TAFE classes in Victoria return to online delivery until Friday 13 August. Some practical activities will continue on campus

from Monday 9 August. Students will be contacted directly via email and/or Moodle with specific advice.

- Fed College will be open from Monday 9 August, in line with government advice.
- Ballarat Tech School is closed until Friday 13 August.
- HDR candidates should return to working from home and seek guidance from their supervisory team and/or their School HDR coordinator where necessary.
- All classes in Brisbane remain as online delivery until Monday 9 August, pending government advice.

Restrictions

In Victoria, the lockdown restrictions return to those in place at the end of July:

- Only five reasons to leave your home and 5km travel limit
- Face masks indoors and outdoor
- No visitors to your home or student residence
- No outdoor public gatherings
- Work from home if you can and schools and tertiary education closed
- Retail, entertainment, community sports, fitness and community centres, and personal care closed. Take-away only for cafes and restaurants.

You can find the full details at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au or refer to the attached table of restrictions. To understand the reasons for the lockdown declared by the Victoria's Acting Chief Health Officer read the full [Statement from the Premier](#).

In South East Queensland, including Brisbane, restrictions include only four reasons to leave your home, a 10km travel limit, face masks indoors and outdoors, work and study from home, and no visitors to your home allowed.

You can find full details of restrictions at [Roadmap to easing Restrictions | Queensland Government \(covid19.qld.gov.au\)](http://Roadmap to easing Restrictions | Queensland Government (covid19.qld.gov.au)).

Key advice to Federation students

Student support services are available

We know that many students are struggling with lockdown and we want to remind

you that we are here to help if you need it. This is not the start to Semester 2 that any of us had planned for and if you are struggling, please reach out for help.

The [current students page](#) has links to a range of resources including counselling, academic support, personal support and resources to help you study online – but we hope this will be a short lockdown so the impact on Semester 2 will be limited.

Federation University's on campus Health Centres are also open if you have any general health issues. Do not attend the centres if you have any COVID-19 symptoms (cold, flu, cough, fever) you should instead get tested and isolate until you return a negative result and can phone for options to speak to a GP or nurse. Go to the [health services page](#) for information and contact details.

If you are feeling anxious or distressed, you can talk with a Federation University counsellor free of charge, via phone or online, you can [make an appointment](#). If you experience mental health challenges outside of business hours, Federation has a special crisis line operating in the evening, on weekends and public holidays, call 1300 758 109 (in Australia) and SMS +61 480 089 177 and request a call back (if overseas).

Remote learning arrangements for HE and TAFE

Please check your course Moodle site for arrangements for online learning and rescheduled classes.

TAFE students studying courses that are not in Moodle are being contacted directly by TAFE. There will be a very small number of practical activities allowed on campus but if you are involved in these, you will be contacted directly. If not, please avoid coming to campus.

Placements

The university will work with students and placement providers to make alternative arrangements where possible, including working from home if your placement allows. Students in health and early childhood disciplines will be able to attend placements as these are deemed essential services.

Student residences

No visitors are allowed to student residences at this time, and outdoor public gatherings are also not allowed, in compliance with Victorian Government restrictions. If you need help accessing food or medical care, please contact [FedLiving](#) for support.

Home schooling

Some of our students are also parents dealing with home schooling. We understand that helping your children with remote learning is difficult. Please speak to your School if you need assistance or an extension on any assignments while you juggle your studies and home schooling.

Information on COVID-19

Where to check COVID-19 public exposure sites in Victoria and Queensland

The list of COVID-19 public exposures sites is expected to grow over the next few days as contact tracers work with people who have tested positive. We highly recommend that you check the full list of exposure sites each day. In Victoria, go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites and in Queensland, go to [Contact tracing COVID-19 | Health and wellbeing | Queensland Government](#).

If you have visited a public exposure site at a time listed, you will need to follow the COVID-19 testing and isolation advice. Please speak to your manager for advice if you need to isolate for 14 days so we can make arrangements to ensure you complete this isolation period.

Federation COVID-19 hotline details

Please let us know immediately if you are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 by calling our hotline on **(03) 5122 6300** (8:30 am to 5:00 pm). After hours, if you return a positive COVID-19 test, please contact our emergency phone number 1800 333 732 so we can put in place cleaning and isolation measures.

Find information on COVID-19 vaccinations:

Vaccination is our way out of repeated lockdowns and we encourage students to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible.

To book a vaccination at a state-run centre, follow the links at:

- In Victoria '[Who can get vaccinated against COVID-19](#)'
- In Queensland '[Protect yourself and others](#)'

To book at your GP or check the eligibility criteria go to [Federal Government COVID-19 vaccine](#) pages.

We are hopeful that this lockdown will be as short as planned and we can restart our return to campus for Semester 2.

Until then, please stay safe and stay well.

Stay safe.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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