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Coronavirus update - new on campus vaccination requirements

Thursday 14 October 2021

Dear Student,

With COVID-19 vaccination rates increasing within the community, we are excited that we can finally welcome you back to campus for Summer Semester and Semester 1, 2022.

This email contains important information about vaccination requirements for a safe return to learning on all Federation University and TAFE campuses. Please read all of the information below.

Vaccination survey results

Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent vaccination survey. The majority of our students and staff agree that vaccination is a key protection against the spread of COVID-19. Of those who completed the survey, 87 per cent of students and 94 per cent of staff are now vaccinated against the virus or intend to be. More survey results are provided in the infographic at end of this email.

Vaccination requirements for a safe return to campus

When 80 per cent of Victorians are fully vaccinated, the state will progress to stage C of <u>Victoria's Roadmap</u>. Under this stage, regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne will come together under the same rules and importantly many on-site adult education activities return for fully vaccinated Victorians.

This is estimated to occur on 5 November and will mean that scheduled classes can recommence on campus but <u>only for students who are fully vaccinated</u>.

We urge all students to get vaccinated by 5 November so we can all enjoy a safe return to campus.

Existing vaccination requirements still apply for health, education and early childhood education students undertaking placements. You can read the requirements <u>here.</u>

While there are no current vaccination requirements for students at our Brisbane campus, we encourage you to get vaccinated to protect yourself, your loved ones and your community.

You can book a vaccination through a state government run clinic or via your GP or pharmacist. For links to vaccination information visit: in Victoria 'Book your vaccine appointment' or in Queensland 'Protect yourself and others'.

Download your vaccine digital record for easy access

You can download your COVID-19 vaccination statement via your MyGov account – it is easy to download to your PC or phone, to print or keep, as evidence of vaccination. If you do not have a MyGov account or are unsure, you can go to <u>www.my.gov.au</u> to login or set up an account.

Victorian students, <u>find out how to download your digital certificate</u> to the Service Victoria app used to check in to locations.

Queensland students can find the same information here.

If you received your COVID-19 vaccination at your GP clinic and have trouble accessing MyGov, you can request a letter from your GP as evidence of vaccination.

At this stage, the Victorian government does not require most students to submit proof of vaccination. However, we strongly suggest you download your vaccination certificate in preparation for future requirements.

Thank you and further information

If you have any questions, please visit our COVID-19 <u>webpage</u>. You can also call 1800 333 864 or 1800 FED UNI between 8:30am to 5:00pm on weekdays.

If you have any concerns about vaccination, we encourage you to speak to your GP or staff at a vaccination centre.

We are so pleased to see so many students and staff – a higher proportion than the broader Victorian population – have rolled up their sleeves to get vaccinated. We are looking forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Stay safe and stay well.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group







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