



## **COVID-19 incident notice**

**Monday 25 October 2021**

Dear Student,

Federation University Australia must advise that unfortunately we have had a student at the SMB Campus test positive to COVID-19.

The student attended the bricklaying department located in Building Q at the following times:

- Monday 18 October, 9.00am-2.00pm
- Tuesday 19 October, 9.00am-12.00pm

The safety of our students, staff and the university community is our highest priority. We have robust procedures in place under our Critical Incident Management Plan, which has been enacted immediately, to minimise the impact to our staff, students and their families.

**The SMB Campus will remain open.**

**Building Q (bricklaying department) at Federation TAFE's SMB campus will undergo additional cleaning.**

**If you believe you are a close contact please do not come to campus for any reason, until you have been cleared by DHHS.**

We are notifying all of our Federation TAFE SMB Campus based staff and students. We will provide whatever support is needed to get them through this difficult time.

Employers of student bricklaying apprentices and external contractors who may have been on campus over the affected 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. Close contacts are being contacted directly. If DHHS or the university need to contact you, please remember it will be via a private number or may be from a number you do not recognise.

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. Follow this link for [testing sites across Victoria](#). Please visit the [DHHS website](#) for information on how to stay safe and the current restriction levels in Victoria.

### **Federation University COVID hotline for reporting**

If you are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19, it is vital that you let us know, even if your symptoms are mild.

During business hours: call the **COVID-19 Hotline on (03) 5122 6300** (8.30 am to 5.00 pm).

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).

Please note, your identity will remain confidential when reporting a suspected or confirmed case.

### **Accessing support**

This news may come as a shock for many students so if you need to speak to anyone, we encourage you to review the list of COVID-19 [Support for Students](#).

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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