



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Friday 25 September 2020

Dear Student,

Over the past fortnight Victoria has seen a significant drop in COVID-19 case numbers.

For Victorians, there is keen interest in the government's announcements, planned for this Sunday, about Melbourne metropolitan areas taking the '[second step](#)' on the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) roadmap to reopening](#). Regional Victoria remains at the '[third step](#)', which came into place on 16 September.

As we continue reviewing our students' needs and determining who must transition to some on-campus learning activities, we wanted to provide an update on some of the key policies, including:

- revised position for students working in aged care
- restriction on travelling between campuses.

Revised position for students working in aged care

We previously excluded students working in private aged care from coming to campus, but have revised this position due to reduced case numbers and additional safety measures implemented in the Victorian aged care sector. This is particularly relevant to nursing students and staff.

The new position will now allow students to attend on-campus activities, with specific requirements and safety measures in place. The first key requirement is

that students must not cross the border between metro and regional areas. This means:

- Students in regional Victoria working in a regional aged care facility can travel to a regional campus to attend on-campus activities.
- Students in Melbourne working in a metropolitan aged care facility can travel to Berwick Campus to attend on-campus activities (but not a regional campus).

Safety measures in place will include the following:

- **Screening process** – students must complete a survey and declaration before being allowed to attend an on-campus activity. On the day of the activity, students will receive a temperature check and be required to complete a health questionnaire before starting.
- **PPE and physical distancing** – students will be provided with a single use disposable mask. Where possible, activities have been modified to comply with physical distancing and where necessary students will be provided additional PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) such as disposable gloves, gowns, goggles and face shields.
- **Extra cleaning** – hygiene requirements will be reinforced in class and extra cleaning will occur during the day and at the end of the day.

Travel between campuses

As advised previously, students **must not** travel between campuses and, in particular, between metro and regional areas. This requirement also applies to our staff.

Reporting a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19

If you are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19, even if your symptoms are mild, it is vital that you remain isolated, do not come on campus and let us know.

- 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).

Remember, government payments are in place for casual workers in Victoria if they need to self-isolate while waiting for the result of a COVID-19 test (\$450) or if

they test positive and must self-isolate for 14 days (\$1500). You can find more information or apply for [Coronavirus Isolation Payments](#) if you will not receive income from your workplace during self-isolation.

Stay safe.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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