



Coronavirus Update

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Dear colleagues

As you'll be aware, yesterday the Victorian Government declared a state of disaster in Victoria in relation to the growing outbreaks of COVID-19 cases.

The state of disaster provides the Victorian Government with additional powers to stop the spread of the virus by putting significant limits around the state. The following [restrictions](#) are now in force or coming into force:

- Since 6:00pm last night, metropolitan Melbourne is under stage four restrictions, which means you cannot travel further than 5 kilometres from your home, can only leave your home for food and necessary supplies, exercise, care giving or to seek medical treatment. No visitors are allowed in your home. Childcare and schools will close with all students to return to remote learning (home schooling)
- From Thursday, regional Victoria will return to stage three restrictions, meaning there will only be four reasons to leave your home: to purchase food and essential goods or services; to provide care or seek medical treatment; for exercise or outdoor recreation with your household or one other person and for work or study, but only if you cannot do it from home. You may no longer have visitors in your home
- In regional Victoria, remote learning (home schooling) returns from this Wednesday, aside from specialist schools and children of essential workers
- Face masks are mandatory across Victoria for everyone except children under 12 and other few exceptions.

Premier Daniel Andrews is expected announce more details around the changes to workplaces in Victoria today.

How this impacts Federation's operations

Fortunately, Federation is already in a position where the majority of our staff and students are working and studying from home.

We are working closely with the Victorian Government on the detail of yesterday's announcement and how it impacts planned on campus activities for Federation, including Federation TAFE.

The Transition Control Group will be in a position to provide a further update as soon as possible, which may be tomorrow.

We also recognise with the return of remote learning there will be more pressure on many of you, trying to manage home schooling and work, and we will look at how we can help relieve you of that pressure.

Best wishes,

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