



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Tuesday 19 October 2021

Dear Student,

The Victorian Government announced on the weekend that the state is on track to end lockdown in Melbourne and ease some COVID-19 restrictions at 11.59 pm on Thursday 21 October.

This update provides information on:

- the impact of eased restrictions and end of lockdown on-campus operations
- student vaccination requirements (as communicated late last week).

We also wanted to note that Kurnai College in Churchill has been named as a suspected exposure site. This does not impact operations for our Gippsland Campus but the college itself is closed for cleaning and contact tracing.

Restrictions and impacts on operations from Friday 22 October

Berwick Campus reopens from Friday 22 October for permitted on-campus activity in line with changed restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne (and regional areas in lockdown). Details as follows:

- Students must learn from home, but on-site learning for hands-on, skills-based learning is allowed and final exams will proceed, in accordance with the [authorised provider and worker \(APAW\) list](#).
- Face masks must be worn indoors and outdoors.
- There is no travel limit but travel between regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne is not allowed unless for a permitted reason, such as APAW permitted work.

- The five reasons to leave your home and overnight curfew have been removed. Gatherings are allowed with limits of 10 visitors to your home and 15 people outdoors, with vaccination strongly recommended.

At **Ballarat, Gippsland and Wimmera campuses**, study arrangements remain unchanged, with online learning for most students but on-site learning for hands-on, skills-based learning and final exams.

- The most significant restriction changes in regional Victoria are increases in gathering limits – up to 10 visitors to your home and 20 people outdoors, with vaccination recommended. Increased caps for fully vaccinated patrons in retail, hospitality, fitness and community facilities.
- Face masks must be worn indoors and outdoors.

At **Brisbane Campus**, normal operations continue but some restrictions are in place in impacted areas of Queensland, including gathering limits and face masks to be worn indoors and outdoors with some exceptions.

To find all the information on restrictions and to check exposure sites, go to www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au or www.covid19.qld.gov.au.

Student vaccination requirements for a safe return to campus

Vaccination requirements at Federation University and TAFE are aligned to [Victoria's Roadmap](#).

Once 80 per cent of Victorians are fully vaccinated, the state will progress to stage C of [Victoria's Roadmap](#), estimated to occur on 5 November (currently more than 88 per cent of Victorians aged over 16 years have had their first vaccine dose and 63 per cent are fully vaccinated).

On 5 November, the following happens:

- **Restrictions align for regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne.**
- **Adult education can recommence on campus but only for fully vaccinated students.**
- **Existing vaccination requirements still apply for health, education and early childhood education students undertaking placements.**

Currently, the Victorian government does not require most students to submit proof of vaccination, but restrictions change quickly so we encourage you to get your

proof of vaccination certificate ready.

We will continue to follow government advice and will provide updates should vaccination requirements for students change. You can find FAQs and information about the requirements for students on [Federation's coronavirus response webpage](#).

Download your vaccine digital record for easy access

You can download your own 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, go to www.my.gov.au to log in or set up an account.

Victorian students: [find out how to download your digital certificate](#) to the Service Victoria app. **Queensland students:** 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.

Thank you and further information

If you have any questions, please visit our [COVID-19 webpage](#). You can also call 1800 333 864 or 1800 FED UNI between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm on weekdays.

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

It's really encouraging to see vaccination rates increasing across Victoria and we look forward to safely returning to campus with this additional protection across the community.

Stay safe and stay well.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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