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Dear colleagues,

The COVID-19 Transition Control Group has an important Coronavirus Update for students and staff in relation to wearing face masks on campus.

Victoria has introduced tough [new state-wide restrictions](#) following an Australian Open hotel quarantine worker contracting COVID-19 yesterday, ending the state's 28-day run of no local transmission.

### **Face masks and restrictions update**

The current position is that private gatherings are now limited to 15 people, and face masks must be worn by people aged 12 and over at all private and public indoor gatherings.

This includes the workplace. A face mask must be worn when working inside at all Victorian campuses of Federation University, until further notice. If working outside, you must carry a face mask and wear it if you cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance from other people.

Earlier this week, the Victorian Government also flagged a move to 75 per cent capacity in the workplace but this is now on hold. Workplace limits will now stay at 50 per cent until further notice – this should align with blended workforce planning over past months, so staff can continue to transition to campus with this workplace capacity in mind.

We will provide further updates as the situation progresses and management reviews the latest information and how it may affect the university.

### **More information**

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services has also published a [list of exposure sites](#) so the public can check if they may have visited a potential exposure site since 29 January. We also encourage all staff to check [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au) regularly for the latest updates.

### **Federation University COVID-19 hotline for reporting**

If you are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19, you must report it as follows.

- During business hours: call the COVID-19 hotline on (03) 5122 6300 (8:30am to

5:00pm).

- 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.

Thanks for everyone's patience with the changing restrictions and the way these impact our transition to campus.

Stay safe.

**On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group**

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