



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

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Hi Student,

We are excited to share some positive news with you, Student; today Victoria has reached 28 days of no community transmission of COVID-19 – the measure of virus elimination. Currently there are zero active cases in the state.

The Victorian Government has announced really encouraging changes to restrictions which will allow much more freedom on campus, while we continue to follow key COVID safe measures like using QR codes, physical distancing and staying home if you're sick. You can learn about the restrictions updates, and read the government statement on the [COVIDSafe Settings](#) website.

The limits have been removed on the number of students allowed in classrooms and teaching/study spaces, but physical distancing should still be practiced where possible, and face masks, while no longer mandatory in education settings, are recommended where at least 1.5 metres distance cannot be maintained. QR code check-in is still required in our public areas.

We know that many students have missed the peer connections, the banter and the additional support that comes from learning within the classroom, so we are reviewing our timetables to provide you with more face-to-face class options after the Easter break. We will update you as this work progresses. Small class sizes will remain in place for many of our courses and large lectures will remain online, as these benefit our students.

With no recent COVID cases in Victoria, a solid contact tracing system on campus and the vaccine rollout commencing, we are confident that this does not

compromise the general health and safety of the university community – in fact, student feedback indicates that their mental health is significantly improved when they interact face-to-face with other students.

We want you to get the most out of your Federation experience, which includes having ready access to staff, and taking advantage of the excellent facilities you have on campus. We look forward to seeing even more of you back on campus after the Easter break.

Stay safe.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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