



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Tuesday 29 June 2021

Dear Student,

We have an important update for our Brisbane students.

Brisbane and areas around Queensland will go into a three-day lockdown as of 6.00 pm this evening. The Queensland Premier has announced that this is due to a number of local cases of COVID-19 recorded over recent days.

As a result of the lockdown, Brisbane Campus will close tonight until Monday 5 July.

Tougher border restrictions are also now in force for interstate travel. See further information below.

Queensland restrictions

As of 6.00 pm tonight, anyone who is living or staying in the following local government areas (LGAs) will have only four permitted reasons to leave their residence – ***Brisbane, Noosa, Sunshine Coast, Ipswich, Logan, Redlands, Moreton Bay, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Scenic Rim, Lockyer Valley, Somerset, Townsville City and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire.***

The four permitted reasons to leave your home are:

- obtaining essential goods or services, including healthcare (including vaccinations)
- exercise (with your household or one other person not from your household)
- attending essential work or childcare, only if you cannot work from home
- assisting vulnerable persons.

Face masks: You must carry a face mask at all times when you leave home, unless you have a lawful reason not to. You must wear a mask in indoor spaces. Masks may be removed when sitting down to eat and drink, undertaking strenuous exercise and for employment purposes – [find details of exceptions here](#).

Visitors to your home: You can only have two visitors to your home.

What's open and closed: Childcare centres remain open. Restaurants and cafes can only provide takeaway or home delivery. Non-essential businesses such as cinemas, entertainment and recreation venues, hairdressers, beauty and personal care services, gyms and places of worship will all close.

For further details on the restrictions [please see the restrictions in QLD update](#). We also ask that all of our Queensland students [check the list of current contact tracing sites](#) to make sure that if you have been at an exposure site, you can follow the testing and isolation directions to keep the community safe.

Support for students

We again remind you of the [student support services](#) available to you. We understand that after the past year this may trigger strong emotions for some of you and if you are feeling anxious or distressed, talk with a Federation University counsellor free of charge, via phone or online. Get emergency contacts and learn how to make an appointment [here](#).

[Academic support services](#), particularly important for those with upcoming deferred or supplementary assessments, continue to be available online.

If you experience mental health challenges outside of business hours, Federation has introduced a special crisis line operating 4.30 pm – 9.00 am AEST on weekdays, and with 24-hour availability on weekends and public holidays. To

access this service within Australia, please call 1300 758 109. If you are outside Australia, SMS +61 480 089 177 and request a callback.

Federation COVID-19 hotline details

You must let us know if you are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19, so we can put in place a swift response including appropriate student supports, concentrated cleaning and to assist in contact tracing if a case is confirmed.

- During business hours: COVID-19 hotline (03) 5122 6300 (8.30 am - 5.00 pm).
- Outside business hours: If you are confirmed as having COVID-19 outside these hours, please call the emergency phone number 1800 333 732. To report a suspected case, or a negative result, please call the COVID-19 hotline the following day during business hours.

Border restrictions for interstate travel

There have been significant changes to border restrictions on travel between states in Australia. Please refer to the [Queensland Government restrictions](#) on any travel to other Australia states and territories

All states require you to get a travel permit before arriving at the border or the airport. We strongly encourage you to check the [QLD Travel Declaration](#) website, as well as the advice at your destination state.

Thank you for everyone's cooperation with the changing restrictions in Brisbane.

We look forward to things being back to normal for the start of semester two across all of our campuses.

Stay safe.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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