

## Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

**Sunday 22 August 2021**

Dear Student,

The Victorian Government yesterday announced a state-wide lockdown in response to the growing number of COVID-19 cases across Victoria.

This means all metropolitan Melbourne restrictions – except for the curfew – will be implemented across regional Victoria from 1.00pm Saturday 21 August until 11.59pm Thursday, 2 September.

**In accordance with lockdown restrictions, our campuses in Ballarat, Berwick, Gippsland and the Wimmera will be closed until Friday 3 September.**

For higher education students:

- All students without an authorised higher education permit issued by the University must study from home. Eligible students should contact [WIL@federation.edu.au](mailto:WIL@federation.edu.au) to obtain a permit.
- Academic staff will work with their students to make alternative arrangements for on-campus classes, including moving to online or rescheduling. Students should check their course Moodle site for arrangements.
- A small number of practical higher education activities may be exempt – these students will be contacted on Monday directly by their supervisor or course coordinator.
- HDR candidates should resume working from home and seek guidance from their supervisory team and/or their School HDR coordinator where necessary.

For TAFE students:

- Practical TAFE activities will continue being delivered face-to-face on campus for the following apprentices with an authorised permit:
  - Building and construction
  - Electrical
  - Plumbing
  - Joinery
  - Commercial cookery
- Apprentices will have until 11.59pm Monday 23 August to gain a permit from their employer allowing Federation TAFE to deliver their training. These students will not be allowed on campus without a permit from Tuesday 24 August.
- Diploma of Nursing students will continue face-to-face practical activities on campus. Federation TAFE will provide these students with the necessary permit.
- Students carrying out placements in areas deemed essential services will be able to continue their placements. TAFE will provide these students with an authorised permit by Monday 23 August.
- TAFE students studying courses that are not in Moodle are being contacted directly by TAFE.

## **Placements**

- The university will work with students and placement providers to make alternative arrangements where possible, including working from home if your placement allows.
- Students who have authorised higher education permits will be able to attend placements as their placement areas are deemed essential services.

The information below provides details on restrictions, operations, and the range of health and wellbeing resources on offer to help you through this time.

## **All Victorian campuses**

### **State-wide Victorian lockdown until 11:59pm Thursday 2 September**

- Permits are required for authorised work and authorised higher education from 11:59pm tonight, as outlined above. If you can work or study from home, you must do so.

- All childcare centres and kinders across Victoria will be closed except to children whose parents are authorised workers and cannot be supervised at home. Vulnerable children can still attend. A permit system will apply. We are waiting on further details from the government on this and will provide more information when it becomes available.
- Outdoor exercise equipment, basketball courts and playgrounds will close for the extended lockdown period.
- Two hours exercise is limited to two people or only your household. No social gatherings outdoors or visitors to your home are allowed.
- A curfew is in place for metropolitan Melbourne. If you live in the greater Melbourne area you must stay home from 9:00pm to 5:00am.

You can find more detailed information via the [Victorian Premier's statement](#) online or at [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

### **New exposure sites in Victoria – check each day**

We highly recommend that you check the full list of Victorian exposure sites each day at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites](http://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites).

If you have visited a public exposure site at a time listed, you will need to follow the COVID-19 testing and isolation advice. Please speak to your manager for advice if you need to isolate for 14 days so we can make arrangements to ensure you complete this isolation period.

### **Student support services are available**

We know that many students are struggling with lockdown and we want to remind you that we are here to help if you need it.

The Current students page has links to a range of resources including counselling, academic support, personal support and resources to help you study online.

If you are feeling anxious or distressed, you can talk with a Federation University counsellor free of charge, via phone or online, make an appointment [here](#). If you experience mental health challenges outside of business hours, Federation has a special crisis line operating in the evening, on weekends and public holidays, call 1300 758 109 (in Australia) and SMS +61 480 089 177 and request a call back (if overseas).

## Important reminders and links to further information

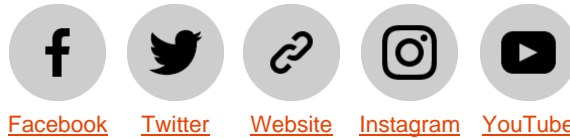
### Federation COVID-19 hotline details

Please let us know immediately if you are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 by calling our hotline on **(03) 5122 6300** (8:30am to 5:00pm). After hours, if you return a positive COVID-19 test, please contact our emergency phone number 1800 333 732 so we can put in place cleaning and isolation measures.

Stay safe and stay well.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group

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