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Coronavirus Update

Tuesday, 19 October 2021

Dear colleagues,

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 11:59pm, Thursday 21 October.

This update provides information on:

- Impact of eased restrictions and end of lockdown on campus operations
- Staff vaccination requirements
- Student vaccinations requirements

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:

- Adult education – Students must learn from home, but on-site learning for hands-on, skills-based learning allowed and final exams to proceed, in accordance with the [authorised provider and worker \(APAW\) list](#)
- Continue to work from home unless you are permitted to go on campus as an “authorised worker”. Anyone on the authorised worker list must have had at least one vaccine dose to work on-site
- Face masks must be worn indoors and outdoors

Travel across the Melbourne metro area is allowed but travel between regional

Victoria and Melbourne metro area is not allowed unless for a permitted reason, such as APAW permitted work

- Removal of five reasons to leave your home and the overnight curfew. Gatherings allowed with limits of 10 visitors to your home and 15 people outdoors, with vaccination strongly recommended.

At Ballarat, Gippsland and Wimmera campuses, work arrangements remain unchanged with online learning, but on-site learning for hands-on, skills based learning and final exams, and 25% limit on office workers on-site (with vaccination requirements for all workers on-site).

- 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 across 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. The Victoria's Roadmap tables of restrictions are attached to this email for detailed advice.

Staff vaccination requirements

Thank you to the more than 1090 staff who have submitted their proof of COVID-19 vaccination, which is now a mandatory Victorian Government requirement for staff to be allowed on campus.

If you have not yet submitted your forms, please do so via the [ESS](#) portal. The required documents are:

- evidence staff are at least first dose vaccinated, fully vaccinated or have a booking to have their first dose by this Friday 22 October
- evidence that staff are fully vaccinated by 26 November.

You can find the [staff FAQ here](#) for further details.

No vaccination mandate is in place in Queensland, but we strongly encourage our staff and students across Australia to get vaccinated to protect themselves and the community.

Student vaccination requirements for a safe return to campus

Vaccination requirements for students are different to those for staff and 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 89 per cent of Victorians aged over 16 years have had their first vaccine dose and 66.5 per cent are

fully vaccinated).

On 5 November, the following happens:

- **Restrictions align for regional Victoria and Melbourne metro areas**
- **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, so we are not expecting University and TAFE staff to check vaccination records of students coming onto campus.

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

Download your vaccine digital record for easy access

For any staff that are still unsure about accessing their own COVID-19 vaccination statement, you can download this 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, you can go to www.my.gov.au to login or set up an account.

Follow this link to [find out how to download your digital certificate](#) to the Service Victoria app used to check in to locations.

Queensland students can 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

We understand some staff may have further questions. There is a document with frequently asked questions attached to this email, which can also be found on our [COVID-19 webpage here](#). You can also call the HR Hotline on **(03) 5122 6300** between 8:30am to 5:00pm 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

