



## Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

**Wednesday 28 July 2021**

Dear Student,

The Victorian Government has announced this morning that the state is coming out of lockdown, but a range of restrictions still apply until Wednesday 11 August. Using QR codes and wearing face masks (indoors and outdoors) remain essential safety measures. Please make sure you read the detailed information below and refer to the [table of restrictions](#).

The good news is that our Victorian campuses can reopen on Wednesday 28 July. Brisbane Campus remains open.

Higher education and HDR practical activities return to campus from Monday 2 August. Other classes and lectures will remain online for the next two weeks, in line with government advice.

TAFE returns to campus for all practical activities on Thursday 29 July. A small number of scheduled classes have been organised with individuals on Wednesday. Non-practical learning will continue online for the next two weeks, in line with government advice.

Fed College and Ballarat Tech School resume on campus from Thursday 29 July.

Placements in industries such as healthcare and education continue onsite, with alternative arrangements including work from home for other placements.

Libraries, fitness centres, hospitality and retail can reopen on campus but with restrictions in place.

You can read the [Premier's statement online](#) and can also find more information on current restrictions for Victoria at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) or for Queensland at [covid19.qld.gov.au](https://covid19.qld.gov.au).

We're looking forward to having much more on-campus activity later in Semester 2 as restrictions ease further.

You are welcome on campus anytime to catch up with other students and use our libraries, cafes and fitness centres, which are all open. But please always scan the QR codes while on campus.

## Restrictions change in Victoria

From 11:59pm Tuesday 27 July the following restrictions apply and the Premier has indicated these are in place for the next two weeks.

- **General** – The five reasons to leave your home are removed, there is no kilometre limit in place or 2-hour limit on exercise.
- **Education** – Adult education returns for practical education, but if you can study from home you should continue to do so. Primary and secondary schools reopen for year levels tomorrow.
- **Workplaces** – 25 per cent return to the office, but if you can work from home you should.
- **Face masks** – You must still wear face masks indoors and outdoors. Modelling shows that masks played a huge role in slowing the spread of the virus in 2020.
- **Public gatherings outdoors** – Limit of 10 people attending.
- **Home visitors** – No visitors are allowed to your home, including student residences. This is the highest risk environment for transmitting the virus.
- **Hospitality, retail, fitness, libraries and community sport** – These all reopen but with specific density limits in place plus 1 person per 4sqm rule.

## Further information for students

## Find out more about remote learning arrangements for Higher Education and TAFE

- Individual advice is being sent via your School, course and program coordinators, and TAFE teaching teams or will be available on Moodle, to make sure you know where you need to be.
- Please check your Moodle site and email regularly for updates.

### HDR candidates

- HDR candidates should continue working from home, unless their study cannot be effectively completed at home. Seek guidance from your supervisory team and/or School HDR coordinator where necessary.

## Getting vaccinated against COVID-19

- The vaccination rollout is a key measure to preventing the spread of COVID-19. We encourage our students to get vaccinated once you're eligible to do so.

### To book a vaccination, follow the links at:

- In Victoria '[Who can get vaccinated against COVID-19](#)'
- In Queensland '[Protect yourself and others](#)'
- To check eligibility criteria for people aged between 16 and 40 go to [Federal Government COVID-19 vaccine](#) pages.

## Federation COVID-19 hotline details

If you have any questions or are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19, please contact the COVID-19 hotline on (03) 5122 6300 (8:30 am to 5:00 pm). 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.

## Support for students

We again remind you of the [student support services](#) available to you, including learning and academic support. 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](#). You can access [academic support services](#) 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 on 1300 758 109 (in Australia) and SMS +61 480 089 177 and request a call back (if overseas).

Stay safe.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group

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