

Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Sunday 22 March 2020

Dear *|FName|*,

As you may be aware, the Victorian Government has announced it will close all non-essential services from Tuesday 24 March to combat the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19.

The [statement from the Premier](#) does not specify whether this applies to universities and TAFEs.

We have been in contact with the Department of Education and have been advised further announcements will be made by the government to clarify this tomorrow, Monday 23 March.

Until advised by government, we will continue to deliver face-to-face teaching on our campuses.

FOR STUDENTS

This means Federation University and Federation TAFE students should attend campus on Monday 23 March for all learning activities unless you are sick or in required self-isolation. This includes lectures, tutorials, classes, research activities, practical sessions and placements.

FOR STAFF

This means all staff should attend work on Monday 23 March unless you are on approved leave, including required self-isolation, or have already arranged with your manager to work remotely. This includes teaching and learning, research, professional and general staff.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

From tomorrow, we will be introducing new social distancing measures. This includes:

- Information posted on all class rooms informing staff and students of the maximum number of occupants that can be allowed in the room under the Federal Government guidelines that require four square metres of space for each occupant
- Some student recreational areas will be closed to avoid unnecessary contact
- Signage and indicators for social distancing in café and dining areas
- Clinical and laboratory spaces will be reviewed to ensure that class sizes are within the new capacity guidelines

Reviewing and implementing social distancing measures that can be applied within other student-facing service areas such as the library, student lounges and student study areas

FURTHER COMMUNICATION

We will continue to keep our staff and students updated about this rapidly changing situation. We are in close contact with government and will provide more detailed information to staff and students following further government announcements expected on Monday 23 March.

Please continue to regularly check our [website](#), email and social media for updates.

Best regards,

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