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Dear colleagues,

Recently, the Victorian Government announced a further easing of restrictions in workplaces with the removal of density limits (no longer 'one person per 2 sqm') while maintaining the 1.5m physical distancing rules.

However, in public spaces, such as libraries and Student HQ, the 2sqm rule continues to apply.

Good news in Brisbane too, with many restrictions eased last week including face mask rules and gathering limits.

### **Keeping Federation safe as restrictions ease**

The impact of these changes on our operations is that while all Federation staff can return to work, our COVID safe principles become more important than ever in keeping us all safe, and our blended workforce arrangements (60:40 office and work from home) remain relevant.

As we move around campus, there are some key actions for which we must all take personal responsibility:

- **If you are sick, please stay at home** - and get tested if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (in particular fever, coughs and cold/flu type symptoms)
- **Practise good hand hygiene** – use hand sanitiser stations around our campuses, wash your hands regularly and cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow
- **Take an active role in cleaning in your work areas** – sanitising wipes are available across all of our buildings so you can wipe down computers, work surfaces, communal kitchen benches, equipment and tools. Facilities Services take care of overall cleaning of buildings and touch-point cleaning
- **Keep your distance** – stay 1.5 metres away from people wherever you can
- **Scan QR codes** – to record where you've been when using communal spaces.

This helps us to contact trace if there is a positive COVID case on campus

- **Wear a face mask when required** – this is not currently mandatory, but Federation follows the state government requirements for wearing face masks and we expect staff and students to follow these on campus (there's more information below on finding the latest government information)
- **Hold meetings online wherever possible** – this is also a really good practice, particularly when you have staff and students across campuses, so no-one need feel excluded.

## Keeping up to date with restrictions

Restrictions change quickly as we've seen over the past year.

As members of the community, we are all expected to be aware of the restrictions. If you're not sure how to keep up with the immediacy of the changes, here are some links to useful resources:

- Daily check of the following government websites for changes and alerts at [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au) or [www.covid19.qld.gov.au](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au)
- You can also follow health authorities on social media for regular updates including the [Victorian Department of Health and Human Services](#) and [Queensland Health](#)
- Read, listen and watch the news. Most are broadcasting government updates as they happen
- In Victoria, download the **VicEmergency app** on Android and Apple devices. There is a link on the home screen to Pandemic Advice for Victoria and notifications are issued to your phone when this advice changes.

Stay safe.

**On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group**

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