



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Friday 21 May 2021

Dear Student,

The new COVID-19 case in Victoria last week is a timely reminder of how important contact tracing is in preventing COVID-19 outbreaks.

It has put the importance of QR code scanning and good record keeping back in the spotlight. As people have become confident in our safety in relation to COVID-19, the numbers of people scanning QR codes has dropped. The Victorian Health Minister spoke of this as a “significant challenge” to a swift contact tracing response and last week the state government put on-the-spot fines in place for venues intentionally failing to show QR codes and keep electronic records.

Have you checked in? QR codes around campus

All staff and students must **check-in anytime you are using any communal spaces on campus**, using the QR codes or written register in those spaces. That means if you are ordering a coffee, visiting the library, using a gym or sitting in a communal study space, we need you to check-in. Facilities Services are ensuring the QR codes are prominently displayed to make check in easy. Of course, if you are simply walking through a space and not stopping, you do not need to scan.

It's really simple:

- All of our QR codes come from the [Service Victoria app](#) and [Check In Qld app](#). The data is kept by the relevant government departments for contact tracing only, and is not accessed by any marketing organisations
- To get started, download the relevant app via the links above
- Once you have added your details in the app the first time (name and phone number), it's really quick to scan the QR code via the app, so you do not have to enter your details every time.

If your phone camera has issues connecting with the app to scan, there is a short, unique number on each QR code that you can manually enter. We also have paper records in each communal space where you can record your attendance.

Federation's policy on the New Zealand travel bubble.

In late April, a travel bubble between Australia and New Zealand commenced and we have been investigating whether we can allow travel to New Zealand for work and study purposes.

This will not be possible and Federation's existing ban on international travel for work and study purposes (other than exceptional circumstances) will remain in place.

Like most insurers, the University's insurer will not cover any COVID-19 impacts on health or travel. It's an unacceptable risk to allow students and staff to travel for work, research and study purposes without being covered by appropriate insurance.

The policy will be regularly reviewed in line with changes to government policy. If you have any concerns about this, please speak with your supervisor or the HDR Coordinator in your School.

Keeping up to date with restrictions

Restrictions change quickly as we've seen over the past year. Keep up-to-date via:

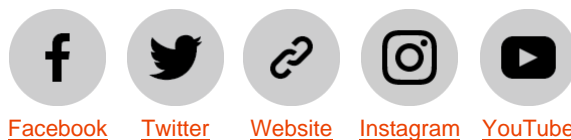
- Daily check of the following government websites for changes and alerts at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au or www.covid19.qld.gov.au
- Download the **VicEmergency app** on Android and Apple devices. There is a link on the home screen to Pandemic Advice for Victoria and notifications are issued to your phone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

Federation COVID-19 hotline for reporting

On a final note, remember to let us know if you are suspected or confirmed as having COVID-19, on (03) 5122 6300 between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm. If you are confirmed as having COVID-19 outside these hours, please call the emergency phone number 1800 333 732. This will ensure we can respond quickly to keep all students and staff safe.

Stay safe.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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