



Coronavirus Update

Friday 4 June 2021

Dear colleagues,

The Victorian Government has confirmed that the eased lockdown restrictions in regional Victoria, flagged on Wednesday, will come into effect today until 11:59pm Thursday 10 June. Some restrictions in Melbourne metropolitan areas have also been eased.

The new restrictions impact our campuses and working arrangements as follows:

- **Berwick Campus will remain closed until Friday 11 June – current advice still applies in relation to working arrangements, home schooling and remote learning.**
- **Ballarat, Gippsland and Wimmera campuses will reopen but with remote learning to continue for higher education. If you can work from home, you should work from home. If your role cannot be performed at home, you can return to campus from today.**
- **TAFE will reopen from Monday 7 June for practical activities, but non-practical activities continue remotely. Staff who can work from home, should continue to work from home.**
- **Fed College will reopen Monday 7 June. Staff who can work from home, should continue to work from home.**
- **Brisbane Campus remains open and is unaffected by these Victorian restrictions.**

If you are unsure about how the restrictions apply to your personal circumstances, please contact the Federation COVID-19 hotline on (03) 5122 6300.

Find out more about the restrictions in place from 11:59pm Thursday 3 June to 11:59pm Thursday 10 June at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au. For general restrictions advice in Brisbane go to 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](http://www.victorian.gov.au/health) and [Queensland Health](http://www.health.qld.gov.au)

Advice if you are returning to a regional campus

The government has advised that regional Victorians should continue to work and study from home if they can for the next week, but some staff who cannot work from home will be returning to campus from today. The following advice applies.

- **If you are sick, you must stay at home.** If you have COVID-19 symptoms even if very mild, you should get tested and isolate at home until you return a negative result.
- **Scan a QR code on arrival and in any communal areas.** We are asking all staff to scan a QR code as you enter the campus or in your nearest communal area. You must also confirm with your line manager that you'll be working on campus (if you haven't discussed this already). Moving around campus, you must sign in via QR codes in all shared public areas. All of our QR codes come from the [Service Victoria app](#) and [Check In Qld app](#).
- **Face masks must be worn indoors and remember to maintain a 1.5 metre distance between yourself and others.** While you don't need to wear a face mask outdoors at our regional campuses, you must wear it indoors or anytime you can't maintain 1.5m physical distancing.
- **Help with good hygiene and cleaning.** Use hand sanitiser stations and use the disinfectant wipes provided to clean equipment and surfaces that you use, including classrooms, offices, meeting rooms and communal areas such as staff kitchens. Facilities staff will conduct touch point and general cleaning throughout the day.
- **Meetings** – wherever possible, hold meetings online via Teams, even if the meeting involves people from outside of Federation.

Please note, food outlets at regional campuses will be open from Monday 7 June, but with a limited service, in line with government restrictions.

Emergency access to Berwick Campus

As our Berwick Campus is now closed until Friday 11 June, no staff should be visiting this campus unless they've been directly advised they're an essential worker.

If you do have an urgent need to access the campus, please contact the Federation COVID-19 hotline on (03) 5122 6300 for Director of Human Resources approval. If you are approved, you must contact [Security](#) to assist you and so we can track who has visited and when. You must also scan a QR code on entry.

Employee Assistance Program and support

Lockdowns, home schooling and the sense of uncertainty that the pandemic can bring, may trigger strong emotions for some people. If you need to speak to someone independently, we strongly encourage you to contact the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). EAP is open 24/7.

You can find further details of EAP and a vast range of health and wellbeing supports via ['Counselling and other support' on the Health and wellbeing web page](#).

Federation COVID-19 hotline details

You must let us know if you are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19, so we can put in place a swift response including appropriate leave arrangements, concentrated cleaning and to assist in contact tracing if a case is confirmed.

- During business hours: COVID-19 hotline (03) 5122 6300 (8:30am to 5:00pm).
- Outside business hours: emergency phone number 1800 333 732 for confirmed cases (positive test result). For a negative result, please call the COVID-19 hotline the next day during business hours.

You can also use this link to [check the current public exposure sites](#). If you have visited a public exposure site please follow the testing and isolation advice and contact the Federation COVID-19 hotline to advise if you've had a COVID-19 test and the result.

Thank you for everyone's cooperation with the changing restrictions and we look forward to more staff returning to campus once restrictions ease further.

Stay safe.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group

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