



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Tuesday 3 August 2021

Dear Student,

Yesterday the Queensland Government announced the extension of lockdown for South East Queensland due to an “escalating” outbreak of COVID-19 in the community.

The lockdown extends until 4:00 pm on Sunday 8 August 2021, impacting the areas of Brisbane, Ipswich, Logan City, Moreton Bay, Redlands, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Noosa, Somerset, Lockyer Valley and Scenic Rim.

In compliance with the Queensland government restrictions, Federation University’s Brisbane Campus is temporarily closed until Monday 9 August, pending government advice.

All Brisbane classes will temporarily move to online delivery and students will be asked to check Moodle and emails for updates.

Restrictions in South East Queensland and across Queensland

Restrictions are tighter in the 11 LGAs mentioned above that make up South East Queensland, these include:

- Five reasons to leave your home: obtaining essential goods and services (including healthcare), attending essential work only; exercising within 10km

of your home; assisting a vulnerable person or family member; and obtaining a COVID-19 test or vaccination

- No visitors to your home aside from caregiving
- Face masks must be worn at all times when outside of your home, aside from strenuous exercise
- Schools, universities and TAFE move to online learning
- Non-essential businesses closed including hospitality (except for take-away and home deliveries), entertainment and community venues, gyms, personal care and places of worship.

Restrictions are in place for the rest of Queensland, but these primarily relate to density limits in different public environments, rather than advice affecting your home life.

Find full details of restrictions at [Roadmap to easing Restrictions | Queensland Government \(covid19.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/roadmap) and information at www.covid19.qld.gov.au.

New exposure sites in Queensland - check each day

The list of COVID-19 public exposures sites is expected to continue to grow over the next few days as contact tracers work with people who have tested positive.

We highly recommend that you check the full list of Queensland exposure sites each day at [Contact tracing COVID-19 | Health and wellbeing | Queensland Government](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/contact-tracing) while this current COVID-19 outbreak is brought under control.

If you have visited a public exposure site at a time listed, you will need to follow the COVID-19 testing and isolation advice. Please speak to your School if you need to isolate so we can make arrangements to ensure you complete this isolation period.

Key advice to Federation students

Remote learning arrangements for HE and TAFE

- Higher education returns to remote learning until Monday 9 August, pending government advice. Students are being asked to check their course Moodle site for arrangements.

Placements

- The university will work with students and placement providers to make alternative arrangements where possible, including working from home if your placement allows.
- Students in health and early childhood disciplines will be able to attend placements as these are deemed essential services.

Student support services are available

- We know that many students struggle through lockdown and we want to remind you that we are here to help if you need it.
- The [Current students page](#) has links to a range of resources including counselling, academic support, personal support and resources to help you study online – but we hope this will be a short lockdown so the impact on Semester 2 will be limited.
- If you are feeling anxious or distressed, you can talk with a Federation University counsellor free of charge, via phone or online - [make an appointment](#). If you experience mental health challenges outside of business hours, Federation has a special crisis line operating in the evening, on weekends and public holidays, call 1300 758 109 (in Australia) and SMS +61 480 089 177 and request a call back (if overseas).

Federation COVID-19 hotline details

- Please let us know immediately if you are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 by calling our 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.

Find information on COVID-19 vaccinations

To book a vaccination, follow the links at:

- In Victoria '[Who can get vaccinated against COVID-19](#)'
- In Queensland '[Protect yourself and others](#)'

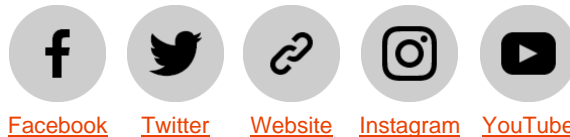
- To check eligibility criteria for people aged between 16 and 40 go to [Federal Government COVID-19 vaccine](#) pages.

We are hopeful that the lockdown in Queensland is quick and effective and we can return to campus for Semester 2, with COVIDSafe measures in place, but as always will be guided by the government advice.

The safety and wellbeing of our community are our priority and we appreciate your support.

Stay safe.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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