

**Subject:** Coronavirus Update – Victorian Federation campuses closed until Thursday 18 February  
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## Coronavirus Update

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Dear colleagues,

A short time ago, Premier Andrews announced, on advice from the Chief Health Officer, and after a meeting of relevant Cabinet committees and the full Cabinet, that from 11:59pm tonight all of Victoria will go to Stage 4 restrictions for five days until 11.59pm Wednesday 17 February, when the government will review the decision.

The snap announcement to impose stage 4 restrictions is described by the Premier as a “short, sharp circuit-breaker” made in an effort to contain the Holiday Inn COVID cluster, which grew to 13 cases overnight.

The restrictions include the following.

- Victorians will only be allowed to leave their homes for four reasons:
  - shopping for essentials goods
  - care giving and urgent medical needs
  - essential work and school only for the children of essential workers, and
  - exercise with household members only.
- Masks must be worn everywhere outside of your home (indoors and outdoors).
- There is no travel allowed beyond five kilometres of your home.
- Higher education, TAFE and schools will be closed but childcare will remain open.

The COVID-19 Transition Control Group met this afternoon to discuss the impact of this announcement.

**As a result, Federation University and Federation TAFE campuses will close, as of 11:59pm tonight until Thursday 18 February.**

Key advice to Federation staff:

- All staff must work from home, aside from a very small number of approved essential workers

- No on-campus events or activities involving students can go ahead until next Thursday – pending government advice next week on restrictions being lifted
- There is no TAFE and trade education until next Thursday (pending the lifting of restrictions)
- Fitness centres, community sport and swimming pools will be closed, hospitality will be takeaway only
- The TCG will contact Commercial Services and FedLiving directly to discuss what these announcements mean for its operations.

The [Premier's statement](#) is available online now if you wish to read it – on this page you can also download the full detailed [table of restrictions](#).

We will provide further information as soon as possible.

The COVID-19 Transition Control Group will provide a further update next Wednesday afternoon about the status of any further restrictions and the impact these may have on our operations.

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**

