



Wednesday 10 November 2021

## COVID-19 Incident Notice

Dear Student,

Federation University Australia must advise that unfortunately we have had a student at Federation's Berwick Campus test positive to COVID-19.

The student attended biomedical science pracs on the following dates: 26, 27 and 28 October (course code SCMOL2001). The student tested positive to COVID-19 on 30 October.

The safety of our students, staff and the University community is our highest priority. We have robust procedures in place under our Critical Incident Management Plan, and these were enacted immediately upon being advised by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on 9 November, to minimise the impact to our staff, students and their families.

**Berwick Campus remains open.**

**A small group of students and staff had contact with this student. They are being contacted directly to be given advice regarding DHHS requirements for isolation and testing.**

**If you are a close contact, please do not come to campus for any reason until you have been cleared by DHHS.**

We are notifying all Federation staff and Berwick Campus students, and we will provide any support that is required.

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## Who must get tested and self-isolate?

Close contacts are being contacted directly. If DHHS or the University need to contact you, please remember it will be via a private number or may be from a number you do not recognise.

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (sore throat, cold, fever or difficulty breathing), you should get tested immediately and self-isolate until you receive your test result. You can use the [coronavirus interactive self-assessment](#) on the DHHS website for guidance. Follow this link for [testing sites across Victoria](#). Please visit the [DHHS website](#) for information about how to stay safe and the current restriction levels in Victoria.

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## Federation University COVID-19 hotline for reporting

If you are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19, it is vital that you let us know, even if your symptoms are mild.

During business hours: call the **COVID-19 Hotline on (03) 5122 6300** (8.30 am to 5.00 pm).

Outside business hours: call the **emergency phone number 1800 333 732** for confirmed cases (positive test result). Call the COVID-19 Hotline for suspected cases and negative COVID-19 test results (leave a message to be followed up the next morning).

Please note: your identity will remain confidential when reporting a suspected or confirmed case.

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## Accessing support

We encourage you to review our [COVID-19 Support for Students](#).

If you are feeling anxious or distressed about the impact of COVID-19 on you or your studies, you can talk with a Federation University counsellor free of charge, via phone or online. Get emergency contacts and learn how to [make an appointment here](#).

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Please stay safe and remember to check your email for further updates.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group

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