Federation University

Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Friday 9 July 2021

Dear Student,

The Victorian Government has announced that eased COVID-19 restrictions apply from today. This includes changes to face mask restrictions, reduced density limits and COVID-19 restrictions now made consistent across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Details of the eased restrictions are summarised below. With these measures in place, we're looking forward to welcoming you back to campus, in line with Victorian Government advice.

When you're around campus we still need you to always:

- Scan a QR code when you enter the campus or use any communal areas. There are also paper records if the QR code scanning doesn't work for you
- Wear your face masks as specified below
- Clean up after yourselves using the sanitising wipes in communal spaces
- Use hand sanitiser around campus and maintain 1.5m physical distance from others.

Eased restrictions

In welcome news, the following eased restrictions now apply across Victoria today.

Face mask rules have changed

We understand how uncomfortable it is to wear a mask in class all day, so it's great that the main restriction change is the removal of face masks in classrooms.

The new rules are:

- **In all public settings** – face masks are still required indoors, but not required outdoors.
  What this means on campus is if you are in a café, retail or library setting, or moving through public spaces, you need to wear a mask. If in a fitness centre, wear a mask as you move between equipment but you can remove the mask when exercising.
- **In a classroom or workshop/trade training setting** – a face mask is not required unless you cannot maintain a minimum 1.5m distance from others.

Vaccination options

There are now more options for who can get vaccinated. We encourage students to get vaccinated when eligible.

Booking a COVID-19 vaccination appointment – in Victoria and Queensland, anyone 40 years or older can book in for vaccination in a state-run clinic. Go to 'Who can get vaccinated against COVID-19' and this page links to information about the vaccines and the booking information. In Queensland, you can find this information at 'Protect yourself and others'.

Further information – you can find further information on Australia's vaccine roll out and the eligibility criteria for people aged between 16 and 40 through the Federal Government COVID-19 vaccine pages.

Density limits
The restriction on the number of people allowed in a space is now the same in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. This becomes 1 person per 2sqm, no density limit in classrooms, and 75 per cent capacity in workplaces.

Find further information on eased restrictions
You can find more information for Victoria at coronavirus.vic.gov.au or for Queensland at covid19.qld.gov.au for the current restrictions in place.

QR code scanning is mandatory

QR code scanning is mandatory at all universities and TAFEs in Victoria and Queensland. You are required to 'scan in' as you enter all Federation campuses. There are also paper records available if the QR code does not work for you. All of our QR codes come from the [Service Victoria app](#) and [Check In Qld app](#).

Travel interstate over the school holidays

If you are returning from holidays interstate there are travel permit requirements in place due to COVID-19 outbreaks in four states.

Make sure you know if you are returning from a hot spot – red zone or orange zone – by visiting [Victorian Travel Permit System](#) and [QLD Travel Declaration](#). There are isolation requirements of between 3 and 14 days from some destinations and the requirement to return a negative COVID-19 test.

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 student supports, concentrated cleaning and to assist in contact tracing if a case is confirmed.

- During business hours: COVID-19 hotline (03) 5122 6300 (8.30 am - 5.00 pm).
- Outside business hours: If you are confirmed as having COVID-19 outside these hours, please call the emergency phone number 1800 333 732. To report a suspected case, or a negative result, please call the COVID-19 hotline the following day during business hours.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on campus.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group

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