



## Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Thursday 28 October 2021

Dear Student,

Tomorrow is an exciting day for many Victorians with the state to be reunited under one set of eased restrictions when we reach the exceptional milestone of 80 per cent of Victorians aged over 16 years fully vaccinated.

It also provides greater certainty around our plans for staff and students to return to working and learning on campus, which are detailed below.

You can find full details of changes to restrictions at [COVIDSafe Settings | Coronavirus Victoria](#) and in Queensland at [Roadmap to easing Restrictions | Queensland](#).

### Return to campus

The restrictions change at 6:00pm Friday 29 October. What this means for you is detailed below.

#### General operations:

- All our campuses will be open to fully vaccinated students.
- There are no density limits in teaching and learning spaces. This includes our university libraries which will only be open to staff and students until the end of the year
- Face masks are no longer required outdoors but must be worn indoors

- Hospitality and fitness centres are required by the Victorian law to check your vaccination status (aside from provision of take away food). Please be kind to staff as they get used to this new requirement

### **Teaching and learning and student activities:**

- All practical activities including exams can be held on campus for fully vaccinated students
- All outstanding practical classes are being scheduled on-campus as soon as possible to ensure no students are disadvantaged or have their completion delayed
- Students are not required to submit their vaccination certificates however, security staff may conduct spot checks of your Service Victoria app to ensure you have checked-in to campus

### **Further advice to students**

#### **Five basic principles for the return to campus**

1. If you feel unwell – don't come to campus. If you have symptoms similar to COVID-19 you must get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible and self-isolate until you receive a negative result.
2. Get vaccinated to protect yourself and others against COVID-19.
3. QR code scanning is mandatory at all universities and TAFEs. Good record keeping means if we there is a positive case on campus, we can contact anyone who has been in contact with them quickly. All of our QR codes come from the [Service Victoria app](#) and [Check In Qld app](#).
4. You must comply with any directives regarding wearing a face mask, currently only required when indoors on campus.
5. Facilities are in place for all students, staff and visitors to frequently wash or sanitise their hands and clean communal spaces, with increased campus cleaning is in place.

#### **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** (8:30am to 5:00pm). 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 contact tracing, cleaning and isolation measures.

## Download your vaccine digital record for easy access

For any students that are still unsure about accessing their own COVID-19 vaccination statement, you can download this via your MyGov account – it is easy to download to your PC or phone, to print or keep, as evidence of vaccination. If you do not have a MyGov account or are unsure, you can go to [www.my.gov.au](http://www.my.gov.au) to login or set up an account.

Follow this link to [find out how to download your digital certificate](#) to the Service Victoria app used to check in to locations.

If you received your COVID-19 vaccination at your GP clinic and have trouble accessing MyGov, you can request a letter from your GP as evidence of vaccination.

## Student support services are available

The [Current students page](#) has links to a range of resources including counselling, academic support, personal support and resources.

Remember if you ever feel anxious or distressed, you can talk with a Federation University counsellor free of charge, via phone or online, [make an appointment here](#). Federation also 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).

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to campus. In the meantime, stay safe and stay well.

**On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group**

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