

Lunch and Learn

Supporting your COVID Safety on Campus

Facilities Services

Risk Health and Safety

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Outline

Introductions and quick recap on overall OHS approach to pandemic response (10min)

- Current government rules, incl. vaccination requirements
- Risk control hierarchy, incl. ventilation

Ventilation audit presentation (15min)

- Technical intro
- Audit methodology, progress and deadlines

Questions from participants (20min) -

Phase D of Roadmap – 90% of 12+yo fully vaccinated

Staying home if unwell, physical distancing, cleaning programs and strict personal hygiene practices still very important.

QR code scanning mandatory in most public settings.

Mandatory vaccination applicable in many settings.

Most capacity and density limits no longer applicable (but see comment about distancing...)

Masks no longer required except in limited high-risk settings (e.g. indoor retail, public transport).

COVIDSafe HIRAC forms and COVIDSafe Inductions not mandatory any more. FedUni COVIDSafe Plan still in place. -

OHS approach to pandemic response

Like most OHS risks, airborne infection requires a combination of control measures drawn from various levels in the “Hierarchy of Control Measures” specified in OHS legislation:

1. **Elimination** ← “COVID Zero approach” (failed), vaccination
2. **Substitution** ← Smaller groups sizes where possible.
3. **Engineering controls** ← Physical barriers, ventilation audits and improvements in indoor settings, air quality monitoring
4. **Administrative controls** ← Rules, stay home if unwell, hand and respiratory hygiene, distancing, QR codes, cleaning and disinfectant – hand sanitiser and wipes
5. **Personal protective equipment** ← Masks, etc. -

Vaccination Requirements

To work on campus, Higher Ed and TAFE employees must be fully vaccinated or have a valid medical exemption. The university has put in place systems to collect, record and hold this information.

Contractors, customers and visitors/guests must also be fully vaccinated (unless <12yo) to be allowed on campus. Local areas must put in place systems to check on their status (e.g. as part of contractors service agreements, event registration process, COVID Marshals, etc.).

Students attending on-campus classes must be fully vaccinated, unless they have evidence of a valid medical exemption, or they are participating in hands-on, practical learning* that cannot be conducted remotely.

**Note: For attendance in university settings other than educational ones (e.g. café, sport facilities, libraries, residences, etc.), the exemption for “hands-on, practical learning” does not apply. Local requirements must be complied with. -*

Ventilation Audit

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