

Coronavirus Update

Thursday 13 October 2022

Dear colleagues,

Following a unanimous decision in National Cabinet, acting on advice from the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer, it will soon no longer be mandatory for Australians who test positive for COVID-19 to isolate in place.

Following this decision, the Victorian Government announced that from today, Victoria's pandemic declaration will officially end. You can read more about this on the [Victorian Premier's Changes to Pandemic Management page](#).

For Victoria, the following changes came into effect across our campuses from **11:59pm Wednesday 12 October**:

- **You are no longer required to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID;** however, it is **strongly recommended that you keep away from campus or other public settings**, and to work from home if well enough to do so.
- **You are no longer required to report positive cases to Federation's COVID hotline.** The hotline will cease receiving reports and the list of potential exposure sites will no longer be maintained.
- As self-isolation is no longer mandated by law, **you will no longer be able to access isolation leave** if you or a member of your household tests positive for COVID. Regular personal leave and carer's leave should be accessed for illness and carer responsibilities.

All behaviours and precautions that were previously recommended remain. This includes keeping an up-to-date vaccination status, observing strict hand and respiratory hygiene, maintaining physical distances where possible and wearing masks indoors in crowded settings or close confines.

For Queensland, it is expected that the lifting of mandatory isolation rules will come into effect on Friday 14 October in line with the National Cabinet decision.

For more detailed advice, please refer to the [Victorian](#) and [Queensland](#) information sites.

Thank you to all staff across Federation University and Federation TAFE for following the advice throughout the pandemic, to ensure our campuses have remained safe places.

Personal vigilance remains vital as mandatory isolation comes to an end this week, so if you feel unwell, please stay home to protect our community and those most vulnerable to COVID-19.

Stay safe and stay well,

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group

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