

Coronavirus Update

Tuesday, 4 January 2022

Dear colleagues,

We hope you have been able to relax and recharge over the holiday break.

With the spike in COVID-19 cases over the Christmas-New Year period, we have revised plans for staff to return to working on campus in January.

From today, Tuesday 4 January, only staff involved in supporting the student experience are required to work on campus, at the request of their Dean or Director. Your Dean or Director will confirm your working arrangements with you.

For those working on both our Victorian and Queensland campuses, **masks are required indoors**. There are no longer any density limits however, we recommend maintaining 1.5 metre physical distancing.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is a constantly evolving situation that requires us to be flexible, we are still aiming to have all staff returning to work on campus before the higher education semester one begins in February. We will continue to update staff as the situation evolves.

Federation COVID-19 hotline details

As a community, we are now living with COVID and as an employer, we will not necessarily be notified by health authorities if a staff member or student has tested positive to COVID-19.

We require staff and students to 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.

Further advice to staff

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. You must be vaccinated to protect yourself and others and have provided proof of vaccination status
3. You must comply with any directives regarding wearing a face mask, currently only required when indoors on campus.
4. 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.
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.

Stay safe and stay well.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group

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