

Guidelines for In-Person Learning - first half 2022

Delivery mode

Classes should be delivered in-person where timetabled as such, with online activities available for students who are not able to attend (e.g. are in isolation, off-shore, interstate, not able to be on campus due to risk of COVID-19 exposure).

Activities where vaccinations are required

Some activities/courses require students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 e.g. students in health courses. These students will be informed of these requirements on enrolment.

If it's deemed an activity should be available to only vaccinated students e.g. a field trip, you will need to seek approval from your Dean Education. Once approved, any requirements will need to be communicated clearly via FLO including how vaccination status will be checked (e.g. if asking students to show their green tick on the mySA GOV app/showing vaccination certificate). Once the system is ready for students to upload their vaccination evidence, processes for checking will be communicated.

Vaccination declarations

Staff are not required to police compliance with the declarations - please do not demand to see vaccinations certificates or RAT tests.

Mask wearing

Please read the University's guidelines around [masks](#). Please note that there are some situations when masks can be removed for teaching provided there is adequate physical distancing (e.g. when teaching students with hearing impairment, teaching languages etc.)

Note: Teaching staff are not required to police the wearing of masks and there are exemptions for their use (e.g. people with respiratory or skin conditions).

Students and staff are expected to attend campus with a mask. Please contact your College regarding the local arrangements of the availability of a small number of masks for emergency use.

Environment

Where possible keep doors and windows open to facilitate ventilation. If not possible, finish classes 10 minutes before the hour and open doors then.

Managing in class behaviour

If someone is behaving in a way that might breach health and safety protocol, please try to minimise disruption to the learning experience. If required, remind students that it is up to each individual to comply with the In-Person Learning Protocols then continue with the class.

Teaching staff unavailability

Students and staff may become ill or be required to isolate during the semester. It is recommended you consider advance planning:

- for alternative staff who can deliver classes if required
 - Ensure they have access to the FLO site and teaching materials
- that you have equipment and technology at home for online delivery if required
- for any assessment that requires in person/or online availability at a specific time.

- for sharing your teaching continuity plans with relevant colleagues and your Course Coordinator

If you cannot teach and have no one available to cover:

- reschedule class to a later day/week via the Timetabling team
AND
- advise students of changes via FLO announcement
 - try to do this in advance to avoid students travelling to campus unnecessarily.
 AND
- notify the course coordinator and your College SAS team who may field queries.

A student or staff member has tested positive for COVID and was previously on campus during their infectious period

If all protocols were followed for the In-Person Learning at all times, there will not be a designation of “close contacts” and there is no need to notify the class.

If however, it is not certain **all protocols** were followed **at all times** (that includes individuals not wearing a mask at any time regardless of the reason) or there are multiple positive cases in the class, then students and staff will need to be notified they are [close contacts](#).

Process for Notifying Close Contacts

- Ask the Topic Coordinator of the COVID positive student to report their positive result to whs@flinders.edu.au or coronavirus@flinders.edu.au.
- The WHS Unit will work with the area to identify if students and any staff are close contacts in line with SA Health or NT Health criteria.
- An email notification outlining the need to follow SA/NT Health requirements for **testing and isolation** will be sent to those identified.
- A general clean of the area can be requested via Service One or your local support team.
- If students or staff require further support or advice please see the [SA Health web site](#) or contact the SA Health information line on **1800 253 787**.

A student has tested positive or is required to isolate and miss classes and/or assessments

- Topic Coordinators to provide advice to students on request about best ways to catch up on any missed learning activities; AND
- Where an assessment has been missed, negotiate an appropriate extension or catch-up opportunity.

Information for students is available on the Flinders University [COVID-19 page](#). As things change across the semester we will also provide regular updates.