

Introduction

Despite COVIDSafe Plans no longer being obligatory under Victorian Pandemic Orders, the Department of Health recommends their adoption. Ensuring the health and safety of the Melbourne Polytechnic community remains our utmost concern, and thus, we will adhere to the Victorian Department of Health's guidance.

Scope

The COVID Safe plan applies to:

All Melbourne Polytechnic campuses: Ararat, Collingwood, Eden Park, Epping, Fairfield, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Prahran, and Preston.

COVID plan

The pandemic orders expired at 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 October 2022. This means that many of the mandatory COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria have either ceased or been eased.

Vaccination requirements for Students

It is recommended that students are fully vaccinated. Proof of vaccination is no longer required. Local vaccination requirements remain in some industries, such as health and aged care facilities.

Vaccination requirements for Staff

It is recommended that staff are fully vaccinated. Proof of vaccination is no longer required. Local vaccination requirements remain in some industries, such as health and aged care facilities

Face mask requirements

Although it is not mandatory to wear a mask, Melbourne Polytechnic highly recommend wearing a mask:

- if you are a close contact and you need to work or study on campus
- for least 7 days after a positive test if returning to campus
- if you are visiting or working in a sensitive setting such as hospitals and aged care facilities.

Requirements for staff and students who test positive for COVID-19

In line with the [Victorian Government](#), Melbourne Polytechnic strongly recommends that any student, staff, contractors or visitors who test positive to COVID-19 should not attend campus for at least 5 days and until they are no longer symptomatic. You are encouraged not to attend campus if you are feeling unwell or have any cold or flu like symptoms.

If you test positive notify your area of work or study.

Close contacts

A "close contact" refers to someone with whom you share a living space with that has COVID-19.

You are no long required to self-quarantine if the follow additional requirements.

- Wear a mask while at work or study
- Conduct at least 5 rapid antigen tests over a 7-day period

Ventilation

If rooms have natural ventilation available:

Open the windows and keep the doors ajar in hallways and corridors to enhance the inflow of fresh outdoor air into the area."

If rooms are equipped with air conditioners:

Optimize the airflow volume into the space whenever feasible.

Adjust the settings to elevate the ratio of outdoor air recirculation within the space.

More Information

Coronavirus Victoria [Link](#)