

COLLARTS

This post provides information to Collarts Students regarding the current COVID-19 settings and how Collarts plans to welcome staff and students back to campus for T1 2022.

Collarts is committed to providing a safe environment for staff and students and, as we have done throughout this pandemic, we continue to follow the requirements and recommendations set out by the Victorian Government under the current pandemic health orders, as they apply to higher education providers.

There are a couple of key reminders of the **government regulations** that we all need to ensure we are adhering to:

- We are still required to **QR code check in** when attending a campus.
- Only **fully vaccinated* staff and students** are permitted on campus. You may be asked to show your vaccination certificate at check in. (*Note – at the moment fully vaccinated means 2 doses, but the Victorian Government has flagged that this could change to 3 doses in the future)
- **Masks must be worn indoors**. This is in all settings, even if you are the only person in an open plan area.

Student FAQ's

What should I do if I have COVID?

The most important step is to look after your own health and safety. Please make that your 1st priority.

You should visit this website and work through all of the steps laid out there - <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-cases>

You must immediately isolate for 7 days. You can test positive on a PCR or rapid test. You don't need to take a PCR test to confirm you are positive if you have a positive rapid test.

You must notify Collarts if you were on a campus or in contact with staff or students during the period where you may have been infectious. You can do this by contacting support@collarts.edu.au. Collarts will work out the next steps in terms of who needs to be contacted and what steps they need to take based on the nature of the exposure.

You will need to provide proof of a negative test (PCR or rapid test) before you are permitted back to a campus. This can be a date stamped picture of your negative test or a screen shot of your negative result text message. You will need to supply that to support@collarts.edu.au before you return to a campus.

What should I do if I'm a COVID contact?

You should visit this website and work through all of the steps laid out there- <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts>

Identify if you are a 'household-like' or 'other' contact.

If you are a Household-like contact you must isolate for 7 days, test as soon as possible and test again on day 6 of your isolation.

Inform your Course Heads ASAP that you are a 'house-hold like' contact and are isolating.

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If you are a contact – but don't fall into the 'household-like contact definition, you should test as soon as possible. If you don't have symptoms and have a negative test result (PCR or rapid test), you can return to study.

What is Collarts doing to ensure the safety of its campuses?

All of the measures above contribute to ensuring the safety of our campuses, staff and students. There are some additional measures being undertaken to ensure safety.

All staff, students, and visitors to a Collarts campus are **required to be fully vaccinated**. This is mandated by the state government. Proof of vaccination can be requested at any time. The most efficient way to do this is to require the use of QR codes and vaccination certificates on entry to each campus.

Density caps – while there are no density cap requirements on teaching areas in the current government requirements, we are ensuring that rooms are not over filled.

Air Purifiers – These have been purchased for a large number of rooms with more to come. These items are in high demand so please be patient if there is not one in the room you are in. These will be focused in teaching spaces, particularly those that are small such as music teaching rooms.

Air Conditioning – all of our air conditioning units will have been serviced before the start of T1 2022 and will be regularly serviced during the year. This includes the replacement of filters and checks on the air quality. All of campus are serviced by air conditioning that draws in fresh air. The best way to ensure there is fresh air in the room you are in is to ensure the air conditioning is on.