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All staff and student email from Professor David Lloyd, Vice-Chancellor and President

Dear Staff and Students

Today the Premier enacted special measures to 'lock down' South Australia in response to the escalating COVID19 health crisis. These measures directly impact the regular operations of UniSA, our staff and our students. Please note the following:

- The university will be CLOSED from close of business this evening 18th November until the morning of Wednesday 25th November.
 - All university buildings across all university campuses will be locked and on restricted swipe card access during this time.
 - Staff and students should not present on campus during this period as they adhere to the applicable COVID19 restrictions
- Unless notified of a specific work requirement by your line manager, staff do not have an obligation to present for scheduled work during this period and will be paid as usual.
 - A critical skeleton staff will be required to maintain a range of key essential services and will be appropriately compensated for this prescribed service delivery.
- All Student Placements in South Australia during this period are postponed, unless required by SA Health.
 - Students on interstate placements can continue to present for placement as scheduled if able to do so.
- All Examinations scheduled up to the 30th November are being postponed.
- The university libraries will be physically closed from 8pm today.
- All experimental research activities should be safely concluded by close of business today, with all appropriate safety measures enacted to furlough the activity for at least one week.
- UniSA student accommodation at Whyalla will remain open for residents.
- UniSA Childcare facilities at City West will remain open for families of essential workers.
- [CampusCentral](#), [IT Helpdesk](#) and [Library Helpdesk](#) services will continue to be monitored during this period.
- During this period, mental health support will be accessible via the [Employee Assistance Program](#) for staff and the Out-of-Hours Crisis Line for students. The Crisis Line has been extended to 24/7 so students who need urgent mental health support can call 1300 107 441 or text 0488 884 163.

We will return to work and study in either on-campus or online form from Wednesday 25th November – you will be advised by email on the specifics of our return to work and study plans in advance of that date.

This is another unprecedented development in a year of unprecedented developments. I ask that you take care during the enactment of these restrictions, stay connected to family, friends and one another and continue to contribute to successfully combating the spread of infection at this time.

These measures are being implemented in the interests of us all, they will pass in time and we are a strong and connected community. Watch out for one another.

Best regards