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

Dear Staff and Students

At a press conference this morning 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.

Based on the available information, I ask you to please note the following:

- All university buildings and our campuses will be closed to all but essential staff from 6pm this evening 20th July for the duration of the applicable restrictions.
 - Staff and students should not present on campus during this period as they adhere to the applicable COVID19 restrictions
 - All university buildings across all university campuses will be locked and on restricted swipe card access during this time.
 - The SafeZone app must be used by any essential staff accessing facilities for approved business continuity purposes.
- All staff who are able to conduct their work and duties from home should now do so and are required to have an approved working from home plan in place by COB of Friday 23rd July.
 - Staff are encouraged to move to remote working arrangements with immediate effect.
 - Access arrangements for essential on-site business continuity will be communicated to appropriate staff via their relevant manager.
- All teaching and learning activities will be delivered online for the duration of the restrictions.
- 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.
 - Access arrangements for essential welfare and business continuity purposes will be communicated to staff via the Research portfolio.
- Staff who cannot perform their scheduled duties from home will be advised by their managers as to the specifics of their working arrangements next week.
- All Student Placements in South Australia during this period are subject to those restrictions applicable to the placement provider.
 - Students on interstate placements can continue to present for placement as scheduled if able to do so.
- The university libraries will be physically closed from 6pm today.
- 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.
- The [Employee Assistance Program](#) and [Student Counselling Services](#) will be accessible during this period. The Out-of-Hours Crisis Line has been extended to 24/7. If you need urgent mental health support, please contact the Out-of-Hours Crisis Line on 1300 107 441 or via text on 0488 884 163

- The University's [COVID19 information pages](#) will be regularly updated with information and answers to frequently asked questions for both students and staff.

Hopefully, we will return to work and study on campus on, or before, 28th July – you will be advised by email on the specifics of our return to work and study plans in advance of that date.

Regrettably, this is another unexpected turn of events which is being enacted in the wider public interest and for our collective protection. I ask that you take care during this period of enhanced restrictions, stay connected to family, to your friends and to one another and continue to contribute to successfully combating the spread of infection at this time.

Keep an eye out for one another and for those around you – please follow the directives to protect yourself and others – and remember, this will pass, we've got this.

Best regards