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All staff email from Professor Allan Evans, Acting Vice-Chancellor

Dear Colleagues

You will have heard the positive news today that it appears highly likely that South Australia will be able to come out of its current lockdown from the start of business Wednesday 28 July.

Nevertheless, there will still be significant restrictions in place as part of the pathway out of lockdown and we await further information from the State Government tomorrow, particularly around public events and the requirements for the wearing of masks in public spaces.

To enable some advanced planning, I would like to outline the University's approach given the information we have to hand.

From Wednesday 28 July, subject to any further advice (!):

- The University's campuses, including the library, gym and retail outlets, will be open from 7am Wednesday and operate in line with COVID social distancing requirements. Swipe access will be required for our libraries and student spaces.
- While students will be able to attend campus to utilise university resources, it is anticipated that the majority of teaching will remain fully online for the remainder of this week. Program directors and course coordinators will need to advise students of specific teaching arrangements for those activities that will require on-campus attendance.
- Student placements can resume in line with the arrangements put in place by placement providers. It is likely that we will not know the status of cancelled or postponed placements until the placement providers are in a position to operate in compliance with the new restrictions, so we may need to be patient in this regard.
- MOD, Hawke Gallery, Samstag, Planetarium, Architecture Museum will remain closed for the remainder of this week and are expected to be open next Monday.
- The University Medical Clinic and Child Care Centre remain open.
- Our campuses will be open for the delivery of services to staff and students. Accordingly, staff attendance on campus is required unless individual staff have an agreed work from home arrangement on the basis of their individual circumstances. Staff with a work from home arrangement agreed with their manager may continue to work from home for the remainder of this week. We will continue to monitor this matter as more information becomes available.
- Staff directed to quarantine or self-isolate by health authorities must register their absence with their line manager and through the myHR system.
- While we anticipate staff will be able to return to campus to undertake teaching, research and administrative activities from Wednesday, some spaces will require time to be reactivated. The local areas will liaise with staff with regard to specific arrangements.

We will continue to provide updates as further information comes to hand through email and on the University's website.

Again I thank everyone in our community for your patience and cooperation as we continue to navigate the ever-changing environment.

Regards