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

It seems no day is complete without an additional update on the management of COVID19 and once again I apologise for the frequency and volume of communication at present. I'm writing to provide you with additional important information on how the university intends to implement COVID19 control measures in our community.

The following will apply across all UniSA campuses from Monday 23rd March 2020 until Monday 29th June 2020, unless advised otherwise.

1. All currently timetabled face-to-face teaching including lectures, workshops, master classes or seminars will move to online delivery.
2. To maintain the provision of education to our students, Academic Staff engaged in delivering or supporting teaching and learning activities during this timeframe are required to present for work as normal, or to have an appropriate and approved working from home plan.
3. All UniSA Online programs and other existing online and external offerings will be offered as normal.
4. All currently timetabled face-to-face tutorials will move to online provision via zoom or equivalent, targeting full transition to online tutorials in all instances by 30th March 2020.
5. During the period 23rd-30th March, as tutorials transition from face-to-face mode to wholly online, tutorial rooms will be set up to ensure appropriate social distancing. That is, at least 1.5 metres between all participants. All attendees at face-to-face tutorials during this time should be encouraged to practice good hygiene.
6. All currently timetabled practicals, laboratories and studios will continue to be delivered on campus. These activities will be (re)organised to ensure at least 1.5 metres is maintained between all participants. Participants should be encouraged to practice good hygiene. Group work, including working in pairs, will not be permitted.
7. On campus examinations will be conducted in strict accordance with [the university's social distancing protocol](#).
8. All UniSA Computer-barns will be modified to ensure social distancing. That is, selected terminals will be disabled to ensure distances of 1.5 metres between workstations are maintained. Users are required to practice good hygiene. Additional cleaning protocols will be implemented in these facilities.
9. UniSA Library facilities will remain open and accessible. Study areas and small meeting rooms in campus libraries will be set up to ensure social distancing. Signage will be provided to remind students of good social distancing practices, including requirements for no more than two students in any small study room at any one time.
10. Higher degree by research student shared work-spaces will be modified to ensure distances of 1.5 metres between workstations. Where possible, HDR students in shared work-spaces are encouraged to work at home or to establish a roster system to regulate use of the shared space. Signage will be provided to remind students of the university's required social distancing practices.
11. All UniSA Research laboratories and research groups are required to initiate social distancing practices, aligned to the university's protocol, to minimise or defer those activities where proximity is necessary for the research. Where appropriate, researchers use of PPE should be enhanced to support both safety and social distancing protocols.

I recognise and regret that these measures will impact on our students' day-to-day education and research experiences in UniSA during this period of health crisis management. I want to re-iterate that these interventions are based on current health advice and are made with the best interests of our entire community and its well-being.

The transition from face-to-face teaching and learning to online provision under such circumstances will doubtless have some initial rough edges, with transitions in some courses easier than others – I am also asking for your continued patience as we work through this unprecedented scenario.

The university will directly contact and work with all affected academic staff in the coming days to ensure that they are well supported and that this temporary change to work practice is well managed and implemented as seamlessly as possible for the benefit of our students and their continued access to their UniSA education.

Course coordinators will contact all students enrolled in their courses by 5pm on Friday 20th March, to update them on accessing online content from next week.

As always, I re-iterate the current public health advice – if you are feeling unwell, please do not attend at the university until fully recovered, seek the appropriate medical advice as required and act to minimise the risk of infection for others.

Please familiarise yourself with the staff and student FAQs on the [COVID-19 coronavirus information webpage](#).

Students with questions relating to their study can contact [Campus Central](#). For any student enquires relating to health and wellbeing please contact seu@unisa.edu.au for assistance, advice and support. Staff may also contact seu@unisa.edu.au if they have any questions or concerns regarding a student's health or wellbeing.

Staff members with any questions are asked to please contact your local [People, Talent and Culture Business Partner](#) or email PTC@unisa.edu.au.

We find ourselves in an extremely fluid situation, which may likely evolve further as we receive additional government advice or restriction. In such circumstances, I am extremely grateful for your patience, understanding and continued collegiality.