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

Dear students

Welcome to those of you who are starting your UniSA journey, and welcome back to those of you continuing your studies in 2022.

I'd rather hoped I wouldn't have to write many more emails on the topic of Covid-19 this year but it seems to be the gift that keeps on giving. What we have seen epidemiologically is certainly encouraging. Vaccination is clearly suppressing the severity and duration of illness for those displaying symptoms, affording protection and minimising the hospitalisation risk for those who are fully jabbed – which is good – and underpins the importance of vaccination for us all.

Of course, given that we have seen a shift in the impact of Covid-19 societally since borders reopened and with increasing case numbers, it's appropriate that we would clarify how the University is approaching operations in the coming weeks.

We are moving to recognise the endemic nature of the virus and to normalise our reaction to its occurrence in our population. We will manage Covid-19 in accordance with all applicable health regulations and advice, and as we would any other communicable illness that may occur within a population as large and diverse as the University community.

The following arrangements are in effect until close of business on 31st March 2022.

- The University remains open for business for our teaching, research, support and administrative functions.
- All lectures will be delivered online. Where practicums and tutorials or other teaching, learning or research activities can be delivered online, this will also be facilitated.
- Where specific teaching, learning or research activities require face-to-face delivery, they will be delivered face-to-face in accordance with all applicable Covid-19 management protocols.
- Student placements will be managed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the placement partner.

Effective immediately and until further notice, all staff, students and visitors will be required to wear facemasks in all University settings – including all public, shared office or administration, meeting, library, laboratory, teaching, learning and research facilities. This approach will mitigate 'close contact' risk for our entire community.

If your studies are expected to be impacted by a positive Covid-19 test result or the need to self-isolate, please inform your Course Coordinator (or supervisor if you are a HDR student). Alternatively you can contact [Campus Central](#). The supports and consideration ordinarily afforded in any occurrence of personal illness will apply. In any instance where a positive case is known to have been on campus in our facilities, the appropriate sanitisation measures will be applied.

These measures will be continually reviewed as the situation evolves, and further advice will be forthcoming. Thank you for remaining flexible, I'm hopeful that we are turning the corner on this one and that we will return to conducting business as usual on campus in the short term.

As always, please refer to the [UniSA Covid-19 Website](#) for up-to-date information, including Student FAQs.

Best regards,