

UPDATE

CIT response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Monday 23 March 2020

COVID-19 STAFF UPDATE

As you may appreciate, things are evolving quickly regarding the COVID-19 situation and we would like to keep you updated on developments as quickly as possible.

CIT's first confirmed COVID-19 case

Given the continued spread of COVID-19, it is not surprising that CIT has had its first confirmed COVID-19 case with a staff member on our Reid Campus. The staff member has self-isolated and had minimal contact with other staff and students, due to practising social distancing measures. ACT Health have contacted people who have been defined as having Close Contact with affected staff member, consistent with the information on the [ACT Health website](#), and CIT continues to liaise directly with ACT Health.

The affected areas on the Reid Campus that the staff member attended have received an intensive clean over the weekend and the campus remains open, as advised by ACT Health.

Classes paused to prepare for online teaching

A reminder that all CIT classes have been paused for one week starting today, Monday 23 March, and there will be no online or face-to-face classes for this week.

During this time, we will be working to reconfigure our teaching and learning practices to provide greater flexibility from March 30 (Week 5).

We'll be in touch with the details very soon – please keep an eye on your emails and check the CIT COVID-19 FAQs during this time. In the meantime, please get ready for online learning. We remind students and staff to check your technology and setup at home, log in to eLearn, and stay across your emails.

Social distancing

Social distancing needs to be strictly adhered to on all CIT campuses, with everyone taking extra care to give each other space. Health authorities recommend trying to keep a distance of 1.5 metres from another person, avoiding handshakes and other unnecessary close contact. We have cancelled or postponed all non-essential events and moved meetings to video or phone conference where possible.

The Australian Department of Health offers [useful guidelines](#) on why this is important and what practices to observe.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to ensure you have explored and implemented some of the digital platforms available to staff, which provide a more flexible work environment. More information on the range of remote online services available to you as a CIT staff member can be found on the [CIT website](#).

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance to practice self-care in these challenging times. If you need support, please reach out to:

CIT staff employee assistance programs

- Assure: 1800 808 374
- Converge: 1300 687 327
- People Sense: 1300 307 912
- Benestar: 1300 360 364

We are updating our FAQs regularly so please keep checking the website to make sure your question is answered.

We will be providing further updates later today.

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