



Dear

As we continue to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation closely, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remains our number one priority.

For information, including frequently asked questions, please visit the University's [coronavirus web page](#).

Leading virologist, Professor Nigel McMillan from Griffith's Menzies Health Institute Queensland provides some important advice for students:



#### University response

The University is taking this situation seriously and planning for a range of scenarios. Our focus is on ensuring your wellbeing. Our planning is considering everything from ensuring continued access to learning resources online to managing impacts on work integrated learning.

In the circumstance we have to close a campus we will communicate with students via text message, email and the Griffith website.

#### What you can do

Queensland Health advises the best way to protect yourself and others from infection is to practice good hand and respiratory hygiene including:

- cleaning hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs
- covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing
- avoiding contact with anyone who has symptoms such as fever, a cough, sore throat, fatigue, and shortness of breath.

If you are unwell you should stay at home and let your course convenor know. Griffith aims to be as flexible as possible with the delivery of teaching, learning and attendance requirements.

#### Your wellbeing

I realise for some of you this will be distressing time. The [Griffith Online Health and Wellness Centre](#) can direct you to counselling services on campus, as well as other support resources.

If you need support outside University hours, the Griffith Mental Wellbeing Support Line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide immediate assistance for emotional and mental distress. Phone 1300 785 442 or text 0488 884 146.

You will also notice an increase in cleaning activities, with a focus on hard surfaces including door handles, high traffic areas and bathrooms. Hand sanitiser has been distributed across campus and further supplies are being made available in all high traffic areas, including lecture theatres, libraries and learning centres.

Best wishes,

**Professor Carolyn Evans**  
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