COVID-19 Special Leave Fact Sheet

Effective 9 August 2021

This document outlines the COVID-19 Special Leave arrangements available for staff until 4pm Sunday 22nd August 2021. Should the Queensland Government South East Queensland post lockdown restrictions extend beyond this date, the below arrangements will need to be reviewed. If this document does not provide the information you require, seek advice from AskHR.

Level 2 restrictions:

1. Staff to work from home where possible, if you are unable to work from home due to the nature of your work, or you don’t have access to relevant equipment to perform your role your supervisor/manager will need to gain approval from one of the following within your division Deputy/Associate Dean, Director/Associate Director, Head of School or Faculty Executive Manager/Deputy Director Operations prior to working on campus.
2. If you have been told to isolate, or are waiting on COVID-19 test results, you must not attend campus.
3. If you elect to have a COVID-19 test as you have symptoms and return a negative result, you may access personal (sick) leave in the usual manner.
4. If you have caring responsibilities you can access personal (carers) leave or if exhausted, COVID-19 special leave, with the agreement of your supervisor. This may also be taken on a fractional basis.

COVID-19 Special Leave

This is a specific leave entitlement of up to 10 working days per calendar year (pro-rata) available to support staff in dealing with the impacts of COVID-19. Approval is subject to Level 3 Manager approval (see table below).

COVID-19 Special Leave is available to Continuing and Fixed term staff who:

- have (or may have) contracted COVID-19 and are unable or too unwell to work from home or online;
- are required to provide care or support as a result of COVID-19 to someone who is a dependent child, immediate or extended family, significant other or household member and are unable to work from home or online and have exhausted their carers (personal) leave balances; or
- have been directed by a government or medical/public health authority to self-isolate due to COVID-19 and cannot perform your role from home.
- do not have adequate equipment or resources to perform work from home and where alternative arrangements cannot be made.

Refer to the flowchart on page 3 for a visual representation of the above.

Casual Staff

Casual staff who have rostered work and undertake those activities working from home will be paid according to the original rostered time. If work is moved to another time, then the payment will be made at the time the work is performed. If the work is cancelled as a result of COVID-19, casual staff may apply for COVID-19 Special Leave based on projected rostered work, up to a maximum of 10 days.

Procedure

For Continuing and Fixed term staff to access COVID-19 Special Leave:

1. Apply for COVID-19 Special Leave through MyAurion;
2. Once COVID-19 Special Leave is exhausted:
   - Staff - should discuss other leave options such as recreation leave, flex-time,
TOIL (Time Off In Lieu) and VBT (Voluntary Banked Time)

For Casual staff to access COVID-19 Special Leave:
1. Complete Casual Salary Adjustment with “COVID” noted in Reason for Adjustment
2. Supervisor to Approve and seek approval from Level 3 Manager or above (see table below)
3. Approval with completed form to be sent to payroll@uq.edu.au

Evidence Requirements
You are required to provide evidence satisfactory to your Supervisor and UQ when applying for Personal Leave or COVID-19 Special Leave, for example a copy of a Queensland Health Directive, Medical Certificate, or Statutory Declaration. If you are directed to self-isolate by a government or medical authority you will need to provide a copy of the Quarantine Order or equivalent.

Personal Travel
Staff who have taken personal travel (i.e. travel which is not for UQ) to a domestic location outside of Queensland after the Queensland Government restricted travel across borders, will not be eligible for COVID-19 Special Leave for the 14-day period of self-isolation required upon their return.

Management levels for approvals:

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<td>Vice-Chancellor and President</td>
<td>Vice Chancellor and President*&lt;br&gt;<em>(As details, the Vice-Chancellor and President holds all HR authorisations in this schedule and is listed for ease of reference only)</em></td>
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<td>2 SENIOR EXECUTIVE</td>
<td>Vice-Chancellor's direct reports</td>
<td>Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement &amp; Entrepreneurship); Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International Engagement); Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research); Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research Infrastructure); Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research Partnerships); Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research Training); Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning); Executive Deans; Institute Directors from the following Institutes: Queensland Brain Institute; Sustainable Minerals Institute; Institute of Molecular Bioscience; Australian Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology; and Queensland Alliance for Agricultural and Food Innovation; Chief Marketing and Communication Officer; Chief Financial Officer; Chief Human Resources Officer; Chief Information Officer; University Librarian; Academic Registrar; Director Property &amp; Facilities; and Director Planning and Business Intelligence.</td>
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<td>University Senior Leadership Group</td>
<td>Directors of Central Services and Divisions - Directors; Deputy Directors; Associate Directors or equivalent positions directly reporting to a Management Level 2 position</td>
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<td>4 GROUP MANAGER</td>
<td>Faculty / Institute Management</td>
<td>Heads of Schools; Deputy Executive Deans; Associate Deans; Institute Deputy Directors; Medical Dean; Faculty Executive Managers; Institute Deputy Director</td>
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<td>5 MANAGER</td>
<td>Deputy Director or equivalent</td>
<td>Central Services and Divisions - Directors; Deputy Directors; Associate Directors or equivalent positions directly reporting to a Management Level 3 position</td>
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<td>7 MANAGER</td>
<td>Associate Director or equivalent</td>
<td>Central Services and Divisions - Deputy Directors; Associate Directors; Section Managers; or equivalent positions directly reporting to a Management Level 4, or above, who are not specifically listed in Management Level 4</td>
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<td>8 SUPERVISOR</td>
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<td>Supervisors (academic or professional) or other staff management positions directly reporting to a Management Level 5, or above</td>
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<td>9 EMPLOYEE</td>
<td>Employees</td>
<td>All other continuing, fixed-term and casual academic and professional staff members</td>
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