

# A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY DEAN (EDUCATION)

Hi, I'm Professor Wayne Hodgson and I'm the Deputy Dean at Monash Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences responsible for the Education portfolio.

We're reaching out to all of our students to let you know what we know.

Right now, government and health authority advice on COVID-19 is changing rapidly.

We'll keep you updated on how this may impact your studies and placement - please check our [Faculty website](#) and Monash's dedicated [COVID-19 website](#), regularly to stay informed.

Your wellbeing is important to us.

As the future health workforce, it is important you are healthy and well.

If you have any concerns about your physical or mental health during this time, please seek advice and use the support resources on the website.

We understand you have a lot of questions right now.

So we want to update you on some issues you might be facing.

We realise your placement may be impacted or has already been terminated

Where possible, we are working on alternative or flexible arrangements and staff from your course will be in contact with you as these details become available.

We are focussing on final year students as much as possible.

We want to reassure you that we are working with accrediting bodies to ensure you progress through your degree, in spite of these interruptions.

We'll provide intensive catch-ups of missed learning opportunities, especially in practical and clinical experience, after this break period.

We'll also be reviewing assessments so that we can minimise any disruption to your learning.

We know that many international students need to make quick decisions about returning home.

We will support your learning whether or not you are in Australia. If you choose to return home, we recommend that you travel as soon as possible.

Everyone involved in your course is working hard to provide you with the best online learning experience.

Alternatively, you can choose to take a lesser study load while you transit home and spend time with your family.

Some of our students may be asked to join the surge workforce during the COVID-19 crisis

During this time, your skills may be in demand by our health services.

It is your choice to be part of the health service surge workforce.

If you choose to opt-in, as a Monash student, we will continue to support you and ensure you remain fully informed.

Please consider your own circumstances, such as your health and study commitments, before making a decision.

As a health faculty, we are a caring faculty.

We need to take care of ourselves, our community and our health workforce during this difficult time.

We're all in this together.