

Vulnerable Person Declaration Form - COVID19

ECU students who are categorised as **'vulnerable'** may require alternative arrangements for their ongoing studies.

If you are a vulnerable student, you will need to **download this form**, have it signed by a medical practitioner and submit it to the Equity, Diversity and Disability Service via studentequity@ecu.edu.au

There will be an associated follow up phone appointment with the Equity, Diversity and Disability Service that you will be contacted about.

Please note: if one or more of your units has an essential practical component that you cannot complete, you will need to discuss this with the Equity, Diversity and Disability Service.

Key 'vulnerable' categories

You may be classified as vulnerable if you, or someone you directly live with, is:

- 70 years and older and/or
- of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and at least 50 years of age with a chronic health condition and/or
- over 65 years of age and being treated for a chronic health condition* and/or
- immune compromised and/or
- pregnant *and* with a complicating health issue

** Chronic health conditions include chronic renal failure, coronary heart disease, congestive cardiac failure, chronic lung disease, poorly controlled diabetes, poorly controlled hypertension.*

Additional risk factors

A student is at increased risk **at any age** if their immune system is significantly weakened due to:

- haematologic neoplasms such as leukaemias, lymphomas and myelodysplastic syndromes
- post-transplant – if you have had a solid organ transplant and are on immunosuppressive therapy

- post-transplant – if you have had a haematopoietic stem cell transplant in the last 24 months or are on treatment for graft versus host disease (GVHD)
- primary or acquired immunodeficiency including HIV infection
- chemotherapy or radiotherapy

Students are also at increased risk if they take any biological disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (bDMARD) or any of the following immunosuppressive drugs:

- azathioprine, more than 3mg per kg per day
- 6-mercaptopurine, more than 1.5mg per kg per day
- methotrexate, more than 0.4mg per kg per week
- high-dose corticosteroids (20mg or more of prednisone per day or equivalent) for 14 days or more
- tacrolimus
- cyclosporine
- cyclophosphamide
- mycophenolate
- any combination of these or other DMARDs

This section is to be filled out by the relevant medical practitioner:

Student Name: _____

Description of Vulnerability (per above categories): _____

Given the above noted vulnerability/ies, it is my professional opinion that the above-named student should be permitted to study off campus for second semester, 2020.

Medical Practitioner Name: _____

Medical Practitioner Signature: _____ **Date:** / /