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.

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**Vulnerable Person Declaration Form - COVID19**

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### 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

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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: / /**