

# FACE COVERINGS



From **1 September 2020** the wearing of a face covering is **required** in all shared indoor University spaces, including while moving through buildings and within teaching, learning and study environments.

In exceptional circumstances a face covering may not be required, including:

- Not being able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, or without severe distress
- If you are assisting someone who relies on lip reading to communicate
- Within a single occupancy office and when seated at your desk within a shared occupancy or open plan office, where appropriate social distancing measures are in place
- Within University accommodation, providing it is 'your home' while at University. The only exceptions to this are:
  - Anyone who is self-isolating or has active symptoms will be required to wear a face covering in the event of an emergency evacuation, during the evacuation, at the assembly point, and on re-entering the building
  - Within the communal areas of accommodation everyone is advised to wear a face covering
- If giving a lecture, leading a seminar or a teaching session and when the wearing of a face covering would impede communication
- Within a catering establishment when using table service or when reasonably necessary to eat or drink
- When undertaking sporting or fitness activities
- When undertaking a formal University activity which has been risk assessed and identified as not being conducive for the wearing of a face covering (e.g. dancing/singing as part of a programme of study/research)
- Instances requiring an individual to remove a face covering for identification purposes.

The University considers that the responsibility for wearing a face covering sits with individuals and we expect all our staff and students to adhere to this requirement where possible.

Please be mindful and respectful towards members of our community who, due to exceptional circumstances, may be unable to wear a face covering; their reasons for this may not be visible to others.

You can read the **University Covid-19 policy here.**



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