

## GMIT Face Covering Policy

At GMIT the safety and health of students, staff, visitors, and contractors is a priority, and in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic we are deploying a range of mitigating actions that will act to reduce the spread of Coronavirus.

Airborne spread of COVID-19 is now recognised and this is why the wearing of face coverings indoors is particularly important.

Face coverings must cover your nose and mouth with no visible gaps and will act to minimise the scattering of droplets from the mouth and nose and reduce the risk of airborne virus.

**Therefore, the wearing of a three-layer face covering or a medical grade disposable mask (which should be changed daily) by everyone (staff, students, and visitors) is mandatory at all times in GMIT, except when eating and when working alone.**

Face shields and visors are generally not an appropriate type of face covering but people who might have difficulties breathing or a disability may forward to the Covid Officer a medical certificate to this effect, and in such cases permission may be given to wear a face shield or visor instead of a face covering.

The reusable face coverings should be made as per [guidelines](#) and consist of **three** layers.

GMIT commends the GMIT community compliance with this policy, and in doing so, our efforts to reduce to spread of COVID-19.