

## GMIT Face Covering Policy Revision 2

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. The wearing of a face covering must be in addition to physical distancing and is not a substitute for this.

A face covering is a cloth covering which covers your nose and mouth with no visible gaps. Face coverings act to minimise the scattering of droplets from the mouth and nose, and reduce the risk of airborne virus.

**The wearing of face coverings by everyone (staff, students, contractors 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 or another specific reasonable excuse may wear a face shield or visor instead of a face covering.

Face coverings should be made as per [guidelines](#) and consist of three layers. GMIT has purchased suitable reusable face coverings and visors for use by staff.

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

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