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.

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

GMIT has a DOUBLE-MASK policy for everyone (staff, students, contractors, and visitors), and two masks must be worn by everyone at all times except when eating or working alone.

The two masks worn must consist of a medical grade disposable mask covered by a three-layer reusable mask.

GMIT will provide the medical grade mask to students and staff who should take a number of such masks home so that they can fit their two masks BEFORE entering GMIT.

Everyone must enter GMIT with the double masks already fitted. This is to prevent a situation arising with large numbers onsite removing their reusable mask in order to fit the medical grade mask.

The medical grade mask can be worn for the day and disposed of carefully at home at the end of the day.

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 contact the Covid Officer 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.