FACE COVERINGS – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Am I required to wear face coverings on campus?
   a. You are not required to wear face coverings generally but we strongly recommend that you do so indoors when moving around.
   b. You may be required to wear face coverings in certain areas or whilst doing certain activities based on local risk assessments.
   c. You should not wear face coverings where this poses additional risks to you.

2. Can I be exempt from wearing face coverings in an area where this is required?
   a. Some staff and students may be exempt from wearing face coverings on health or disability grounds. This includes but is not limited to: (from current FAQ)

3. Can I be exempt from wearing face coverings for activities where this is required?
   a. This will depend on the nature of the activity and the risk to you either from Covid or other agents that you may use or be exposed to in that environment.
   b. If you are a student you should discuss this with whoever is supervising your activity.
   c. If you are a member of staff you should discuss this with your line manager.

4. If people are wearing face coverings and this causes communication difficulties for me, what should I do?
   a. Students and staff should contact the Disability Advisory and Support Service as soon as possible if they think they might have communication issues due to the wearing of face coverings.
   b. Staff who choose to wear face coverings during teaching sessions should ensure that students who have communication difficulties are not disadvantaged by this. Advice should be sought from the Disability Advisory and Support Service.
   c. Action on Hearing Loss has produced helpful information about communicating with people who are deaf or have hearing loss when wearing face coverings.
   d. Disabled Students and staff can ask a person to lower their face covering to communicate with them (while maintaining social distancing), explaining they reply on lip-reading or facial expressions. However it should be noted that staff and students are able to refuse if they don’t feel safe doing so.

5. Will the University provide me with face coverings?
   a. Yes we will provide you with face coverings
   b. Students will be given high-quality reusable face coverings
   c. Everyone will have access to medical-grade disposable masks on site.