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. It is strongly recommended that you wear a face covering whilst moving around
      indoors on campus. It is expected that face coverings will be worn in lecture theatres
      and large teaching spaces. In other areas they may be required if indicated by local
      risk assessment. There will be clear signage in areas where they are required by a
      risk assessment. Face coverings are available in numerous places across campus and
      will be made available in all teaching spaces. Schools will be given transparent face
      masks that they can distribute for staff to wear during teaching.
   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 is 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 is 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.

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