

Health and Safety Department

Face Coverings Policy

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1. Loughborough University Policy on the Use of Face Coverings

The use of face coverings on campus will be strongly recommended when moving around in indoor public spaces at Loughborough University. The use of face coverings is also encouraged during teaching sessions.

2. Exemptions

A small number of staff and students may be unable to wear a face covering (e.g. for medical reasons). In these cases, the individual will be provided with a means to easily show that they are exempt from the requirement (lanyards available from HR or Student Services).

In addition, colleagues undertaking the following activities may be exempt from wearing face coverings:

- Face coverings will not be needed :- in offices when working at your desk, areas where the use of face coverings would be impractical (for example whilst eating or drinking), Laboratories and workshops (unless a local risk assessment says otherwise).
- Face coverings will not be required in meeting being held in offices or meeting rooms where social distancing can be reliably maintained.
- Face coverings will not be required for block teaching sessions where social distancing can be reliably maintained. This will be at the academic's discretion.
- Face coverings are recommended whilst circulating in the library, however, some private study areas will be exempt.
- *Lecturers will not be required to wear a face covering when delivering lectures, as a minimum of 2m distancing should be in place between them and the audience. Where maintaining this distancing is not possible, additional mitigations will be implemented (Perspex screens or face shields).
- University cleaning staff working in empty offices where social distancing measures can be maintained.

Note: Further detailed information of the use of face coverings in the common areas of halls of residence and in computer laboratories will follow.

3. Contractors

All contractors attending site will be required to comply with this policy.