

**14 April 2022 12.15pm**

**All staff email from Professor David G. Lloyd, Vice-Chancellor and President**

Dear colleagues

With State directives governing the use of masks changing at 12:01 am Friday (tomorrow) morning, **I write to confirm that the wearing of masks in (general) indoor shared spaces on our campuses will no longer be mandatory once the directive has ceased.**

Please note that mask wearing will still be mandatory in certain university settings, predominantly in health service domains, until further notice. Local area notifications will provide advice in such circumstances.

Current public health advice is that mask wearing is an effective method for the reduction of transmission of Covid-19 and other respiratory illnesses (particularly as we enter flu season) and I do encourage you to consider wearing one for your protection and the protection of others. Those choosing to do so should be supported and made fully comfortable to enact their choice. Please remember that respect is a two-way street, and individual choices around masking – or not – in non-mandatory settings should be recognised and accepted.

As always, if you are feeling unwell, please seek medical advice or attention and do not present on campus.

Look after yourselves and one another, and do enjoy the forthcoming Easter break.

Best regards