

Dear All

The University of Chichester community are being asked to wear face coverings to protect others, as well as ourselves. Those of us who can do this should do the right thing and wear a face covering. However, if you see someone not wearing a covering, please remember that they may have a very valid reason why they cannot do so.

There are many people who are excused from wearing coverings who have hidden disabilities such as severe asthma, autism, are deaf, severe anxiety etc etc. Some people may choose to wear a symbol. This could be a lanyard with sunflowers denoting a hidden disability, like this:



More information can be found here: <https://hiddendisabilitiesstore.com/>

Or they could be wearing a government produced sticker or badge, like those found here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/903452/Exemption_from_face_covering_badge_for_mobile_phone.pdf

Some people will not be wearing any of these things.

If you see someone indoors in a non-eating or drinking space or in your class not wearing a covering, think carefully before approaching them and consider whether they may have a hidden disability.

SIZ will have a supply of stickers that people can display discretely should they wish.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

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