

ITM Infection Control Guidelines

As Covid 19 is still active in society, along with flu and various respiratory infections, ITM aims to minimise the risk at ITM public events by circulating this Infection Control Guidelines document to the organisers of ITM public events, so that it is shared with all those who attend.

While no preventative steps can offer complete protection, particularly in the context of close contact in a group setting, we adopt the following guidelines in the interest of the health and safety of all concerned.

- 1. Ventilation: We will make every effort to ensure that adequate ventilation is provided in the teaching spaces we use.
- 2. Considering the fact that some people may have a greater susceptibility to infection than others, we ask everyone to respect, without question, any individual's request that others keep their distance, as far as is practicable.
- 3. Anyone who chooses to wear a mask will be fully supported in wearing a mask to protect themselves.
- 4. Teachers, when working individually with a student, will also wear a mask if requested to do so by the student. (Mask-wearing Guidelines)
- 5. We ask teachers to continue to wash their hands frequently <u>Hand washing technique (NHS Berkshire Healthcare)</u>, and to sanitise their hands before working with each individual student. (Hand Sanitising: <u>WHO video on hand hygiene</u>)
 We recommend that teachers bring their own hand sanitiser to facilitate this.
- 6. We ask that anyone who has Covid, flu or any other infectious condition does not attend ITM workshop events.
- 7. If you do happen to cough or sneeze, please
 - a) cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
 - b) use tissues and throw them away.
 - c) wash your hands or use a hand sanitiser.

We would appreciate the co-operation of all who attend ITM public events in respecting these guidelines in the interest of public health and safety.