CIRCULAR 67b/2021: Guidelines for Academic Staff COVID-19 Measures March 2021

Dear Staff members,

Following the national COVID-19 measures announced on 10 March 2021, please be informed of the following key messages:

- From 15 March to 11 April, and until further notice, all lectures will be provided online. In cases
 where online provision is not possible, you are kindly requested to inform the Institute Director
 for guidance. Institute Directors or their deputies will guide lecturers and students on the way
 forward.
- 2. Apprenticeships at work-places providing non-essential services will be suspended until 11 April. Students are being informed of all the provisions.
- 3. The 20 hours of direct community work as part of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) component will be suspended until 11 April. Online CSR activities can continue and in case of any difficulty, kindly contact Mr Richard Curmi, CSR Director on 23987260.
- 4. Over 90% of MCAST staff members have received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. If you still have not submitted your online application and would like to apply, kindly follow CIRCULAR 40/2021: MCAST Staff Vaccine Eligibility.
- 5. The COVID-19 vaccination centre at the MCAST Campus in Paola opened on 11 March. We take this opportunity to thank colleagues and students of the nursing degree programme involved in running the vaccination centre. The College is continuing to collaborate with the health authority in the fight against Covid-19 and supporting the community by hosting the vaccination centre and providing space at its Paola Campus

This is a developing situation, and we encourage you to regularly check your email and <u>intranet</u> for announcements and updates.

Finally, we understand that this is a difficult time for all of our staff members and students. We encourage you to keep reaching out to each other and to ask for help when needed.

Regards, Philip Vella Deputy Principal – Administration