

## CIRCULAR 260/2020: COVID-19 Message from the Principal to staff and students

### MCAST COVID-19 response and shared responsibility

29<sup>th</sup> September

Dear staff members, students,

One may call it common sense or call it 'self-leadership', as students, lecturers and staff, we all have a responsibility at the College to pay attention to the advice from the national health authorities.

As the Superintendence of Public Health recently stated - "Currently we are experiencing a situation in which we must always aim to improve and do better with the measures being taken. We are seeing a change, however, this will highly depend on the cooperation of the public."

Everyone's cooperation is a key element that will alleviate and improve our studying or working experience at MCAST. **We are all aware of what needs to be done and more importantly, we have the means to avert the danger of infection.**

For this reason, MCAST wrote [this Protocol](#) in conjunction with the advice received from our Line Ministry and the Health Authorities and also concerning the guidelines available on [covid.gov.mt](https://www.covid.gov.mt) as a reference point of what our responsibilities should be. The MCAST dedicated page for COVID-19 information is [mcast.edu.mt/covid19](https://mcast.edu.mt/covid19)

It is your responsibility to read and understand the measures found in this Protocol and to implement actions in your responsibility.

Centrally, the College will provide the support that one needs to organise face-to-face lectures, online lecturing and other smaller activities that one deems fit. **Social distancing, regular hand rub and wearing face masks are mandatory at all times, particularly when moving from one small group to another.** I urge you to embark on the application of this Protocol with a strong commitment. There will be no half measures; one is either compliant or not.

It would be a pity to have to refer to disciplinary measures to those who infringe the rules and regulations of this Protocol. Vigilance will continue across the Campus.

I am confident that **working together** will enable us to have another successful academic year at the College.

It is everyone's individual responsibility to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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The Principal/CEO