Navigating the Current Masking Policies during 1:1 Appointments with Students

On Feb. 16, 2022, Protect Purdue issued [updated masking policies](#) that become effective Feb 18th.

Many people have asked questions about the best way to practically navigate this guidance during 1:1 appointments with students. Here, we share recommendations and best practice from the Protect Purdue team.

- If you prefer masked meetings with students, you can ask a student to wear a mask. If the student refuses, then you may consider a virtual appointment.

- If you are comfortable going without masks, we suggest you ask the student what their preference is – masks or no masks. In this case, take the cue from individual student. If both parties are comfortable being unmasked, this is fine. If the student is not comfortable being unmasked, we recommend that you wear a mask during the appointment or offer a virtual appointment.

Once again, we are in a transition period, which can be difficult to navigate. Everyone will be finding their own individual comfort zones during this period.

Also, please remember that the masking policies may be adjusted in either direction – loosened or tightened – depending on the state of the pandemic and our campus. We will continue to consider best practices as the medical protocols evolve.