Dear Students,
Some of you have requested clarification of the University’s current masking requirement while you are on campus. In short, our current mask level is "Blue."

This means:
1. Masks Required: If you are vaccine-exempt or not boosted, wear your mask everywhere indoors and at all times, and outdoors when in the presence of others.
2. Masks Required: Regardless of your vaccination status, wear your mask during academic instruction in any of our venues, inclusive of our courtrooms and in the library.
3. Masks Recommended: Essentially, it is recommended that we wear our masks at all times. If points 1. and 2. above are not applicable to the situation you are in, it is up to you to decide whether to wear your mask.

If you are meeting with a faculty member in their office, that time is deemed to be “academic instruction” and you should wear a mask.

Please know that it is the prerogative of faculty and staff to decide whether visitors in their spaces are expected to wear a mask. Follow the signage, if any, or the instructions you receive when entering those spaces.

The current masking parameters may feel vague to some of us, lest we attempt to legislate every situation we find yourselves in. Please:
- follow the clear parameters set forth in points 1. and 2. above,
- comply with the masking expectations of faculty and staff when visiting their spaces, and
- apply your good judgment otherwise. It is up to you to decide whether to follow the mask recommendation when masks are not required.

If you are wondering...
Neporent Café: If you are vaccine-exempt or not boosted, wear your mask. If you are vaccinated and boosted, it is recommended you wear your mask.

Classrooms, outside of class: If you are vaccine-exempt or not boosted, wear your mask. If you are vaccinated and boosted, it is recommended you wear your mask. Once students begin to arrive for the start of class, please wear your mask as soon as any student arrives for the start of class. In other words, assume that academic instruction begins as soon as students arrive in the classroom.

Some of us may choose to wear a mask at all times. Let’s be kind to each other as each of us continues to navigate these challenging times in the way we feel is safest for ourselves and our families.

Thank you for continuing to do your part in keeping our community safe.
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