

Library COVID-19 Policy

These guidelines were created with guidance from the North Shore Health Department, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Village of Shorewood and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Libraries Division. This policy remains in effect until one or all of these entities declare there is no longer a need to maintain modified services to the public.

If you have COVID-19 or have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, do not enter the library. If someone in your household has COVID-19 or has symptoms of COVID-19, do not enter the library during your quarantine. If you display COVID-19 symptoms in the library, you may be asked to leave.

If you or someone in your household has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and you spent time in the library prior to the diagnosis, please report this fact to the Library Director or Librarian in Charge. They will contact the North Shore Health Department for guidance on closure, disinfection and quarantine response.

If two or more laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 are associated with the library, the North Shore Health Department will review library procedures and practices and determine if retraining and/or temporary closure is warranted.

Physical distancing of a minimum of six feet must be maintained by all people in the library, except in cases when physical distancing is not feasible or appropriate.

Due to physical distancing recommendations, socializing and collaborating in the library in groups of more than two or in places other than designated two-person tables is not allowed at this time. You may be asked to leave the library if you congregate with others outside of these allowed instances for more than a brief greeting.

Public computer access will be limited per person per day. Only one person may be at a library computer at a time, unless the person is receiving computer assistance.

Children under 14 years of age may be asked to be accompanied by a supervising adult, particularly if the child is unable to conform to physical distancing while visiting the library.

Patrons age 2 and over and staff are required to cover their nose and mouth with a cloth covering or mask while in the library regardless of vaccination status and barring a medical exception. The library will provide a mask, if requested. The masking requirement will be reviewed by the Library Board on a monthly basis.

The Library's hired cleaners keep the library sanitized and cleaned on a regular schedule. We cannot guarantee the library is a germ-free environment, and ask that you determine if the public library is a safe place for you and your family during this global pandemic.

Violation of these guidelines may result in a person being asked to present a library card or other identification. Such persons may additionally, at the discretion of the library staff, be asked to leave the property.

This policy supersedes any sections of previously approved Library Board policies which conflict with anything described above.

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