

## **Library COVID-19 Face Covering Policy**

The Library is committed to staff and patron health and safety and is taking precautions to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

All staff and patrons over the age of two are required to wear a face covering which completely covers their nose and mouth in all indoor public areas of the Library at all times. Face coverings must also be worn in outdoor public areas of the Library when social distancing is not possible.

Acceptable face coverings include disposable masks, cloth masks, neck gaiters, scarves, bandanas, or religious face coverings. Mesh masks, masks with openings, holes, visible gaps in the material, vents, or valves designed to facilitate easy exhaling are unacceptable and their use will not be considered adherence to this policy.

Patrons must maintain a six foot distance from anyone not in their household while in the Library.

Patrons who are unable to wear a mask due to a pre-existing medical condition are encouraged to use the Library's curbside services. Additional reasonable accommodations such as personalized reader's advisory services, online resources, or homebound delivery are available to those who are medically prevented from, or decline to wear a face covering. Any accommodation request must be submitted in writing to the Director, who will make a determination on that request.

Patrons who refuse to wear a face covering and/or to maintain six-foot distance will be asked to leave the library. Patrons who violate this policy, are also in violation of the Library's Code of Conduct and are subject to restriction or termination of Library privileges and possible exclusion from the Library.

This policy shall be in place any time the Illinois Department of Health determines that the region in which the Library is located is in a Phase other than Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan.

*This sample policy is intended to be informational only and libraries should consult with their own legal counsel before adopting a library face covering policy*