

POLICY 405
Addendum to Policy Governing Patron Behavior and Code of Conduct

Face Covering/Face Mask Requirement

The following policy shall be enforced while the Restore Illinois Plan or future health risk plans requires face masks and social distancing in public and is for the health and safety of Library staff and patrons.

1. All persons entering the Library must wear a face covering and maintain social distancing (a minimum six-foot distance from all other persons) when practicable.
2. Children under the age of two are exempt from wearing a face covering, but must be closely monitored at all times by their parent or guardian.
3. A disposable face mask will be provided free of charge to individuals who do not have a face mask.
4. A clear plastic shield mask may be available for loan during the patron visit if a face mask is not medically possible. At the end of the visit, the shield mask shall be returned to a Library staff member so that it may be quarantined for three days and sanitized before it may be used again.
5. Reasonable accommodations such as Curbside Services, drive through pickup windows and online resources are available to those who are medically prevented from or decline to wear a face covering.
6. Those refusing to wear a face covering and/or to maintain six-foot distance when practicable are required to leave the Library. If a person refuses to leave the Library for not following this policy, Police may be contacted and could result in a ban from the Library for a specified period of time.
7. Patrons that exhibit adversarial behavior that is argumentative with staff or other patrons, will be subject to the general Code of Conduct, or asked to leave until they comply with the State of Illinois requirements, and guidelines in place to protect other community members and staff.
8. This policy shall not be enforced when the Illinois Department of Public Health or other authorities determined that it is no longer required.

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