

LIVONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY PATRON PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT POLICY

Purpose

The Livonia Public Library Board of Trustees is empowered to take the steps necessary to serve the community under its mission with the health and safety of the library staff and patrons as the top priority. Therefore, the Board of Trustees has adopted this Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy.

The primary goals of Livonia Public Library's Personal Protective Equipment Policy are to:

- Introduce guidelines for PPE use for patrons wishing to use the library's services
- Provide reasonable access to library services to all community members while still protecting the library's staff and other patrons
- Reduce the risk of infection in, around, and on library facilities, materials, and equipment for library staff and patrons

The Livonia Public Library staff has the authority to enforce these measures like any other of the library's policies.

For the purpose of this policy, "PPE" refers specifically to masks and cloth face coverings consistent with CDC guidelines and all New York State Executive Orders.

Guidelines

● On December 10, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul announced **masks will be required to be worn in all indoor public places unless businesses or venues implement a vaccine requirement**. This major action to address the winter surge comes as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations rise statewide and is in alignment with the CDC's recommendations for communities with substantial and high transmission. The State Health Commissioner issued a determination solidifying the requirement.

Source: [Frequently Asked Questions: Proof of Full Vaccination or Mask Requirement for Businesses and Venues](#)

According to NYS, this mandate will be in place until January 15, 2022. At this point, they will reevaluate the situation and provide further guidance.

*The mandate has been extended through February 1.

For more information here is an excerpt from Commissioner's Determination on Indoor Masking Pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.60.

All Indoor Public Places Not Otherwise Covered by This Determination

a. After careful review and consideration of the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations statewide, and in alignment with CDC recommendations for communities with substantial and high transmission, all persons, over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering/mask, regardless of vaccination status, shall wear an appropriate face covering/mask while in any indoor public place.

- b. This requirement shall not apply to any indoor public area that requires proof of vaccination as a condition of entry.
- c. For purposes of this determination “indoor public place” shall mean any indoor space that is not a private residence.
- d. This requirement shall be in effect until January 15, 2022.

- Individuals who cannot medically tolerate the wearing of a mask or face covering are asked to contact the library before visiting so reasonable accommodation(s) for services can be made.
- Masks or face coverings may be cloth or homemade so long as they comply with the guidance outlined in Executive Order 202.17 or future executive guidance. ● Masks or face coverings should completely cover the mouth and nose in accordance with guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
- Patrons are not permitted to approach other patrons to comment on or question their PPE practices. Concerns regarding the practices of other patrons should be directed to the library staff only.
- Along with wearing PPE, the library will enforce strict social distancing guidelines of at least 6 feet between all individuals on library property, per NYS regulations. ● Patrons refusing to abide by this policy will be subject to the corrective action steps, including possible banning, as outlined in the library’s Code of Conduct (<https://livonialibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Livonia-Public-Library-Patron-Conduct-Policy.pdf>).

Authority & Evaluation

This policy and related procedures will be enforced under all current and future New York State Executive Orders, including those pertaining to PPE, workforce and occupancy reductions, and social distancing guidelines. The practices in this policy may be modified as needed to conform with such Executive Orders, as well as mandates from the CDC, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and local government agencies.

Questions or concerns regarding this policy should be brought to the library Director.

This policy will remain in effect until the Board of Trustees votes to remove or revise it.

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