

WEST CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

LIBRARY COVID-19 FACE COVERING

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

Policy

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.

Procedures

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 wearing, 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 Conduct Policy and are subject to restriction or termination of Library privileges and possible exclusion from the Library.

This policy shall be in place upon the recommendation or requirement for masks by the Illinois Department of Health or by Governor Executive Order that applies to the region in which the

library is located. Additional masking requirements may be instituted as necessary at the discretion of the Library.

Approved by Board of Library Trustees: January 24, 2022