

DOWNINGTOWN LIBRARY COMPANY COVID-19 POLICY

The COVID-19 Policy has been adopted by the Downingtown Library Board of Trustees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to continue to provide services to our community. The practices outlined below shall remain in effect for the duration of the pandemic or until amended by the Board. The principle consideration in adopting this policy is the health and safety of library staff and patrons.

The library has enacted enhanced cleaning and sanitizing processes and procedures. High-touch surfaces are sanitized frequently throughout the day.

- Consistent with the CDC guidance, patrons and staff who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are not required to wear a mask in the library. People who are not fully vaccinated shall be required to continue to wear a mask. People are considered fully vaccinated:
 - 2 weeks after the second shot of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine
 - 2 weeks after 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 Vaccine
- People who are sick or have a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher shall not enter the library even if they have face covering. By entering the library, you are confirming that you are not sick and do not have a fever.
- All library users will practice social distancing when entering and exiting the library and during their visit.
- Children under the age of 10 must always be accompanied by and under the supervision of their own parent or caregiver.
- Restrooms are not available for patron use, one person / family at a time.
- Meeting room spaces are not available for use.

When library is open for public access:

- The number of people simultaneously in the library and the duration of their stay may be limited and that information will be posted at the entrance to the library.
- While in the building, library users will practice good hand hygiene by using hand sanitizer.
- No food and drink will be allowed in the library.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in temporary or permanent expulsion from the library by staff and/or denial of privileges by the Library Director. Library staff will inform the customer who has been expelled or denied privileges of the consequences. Any customer whose privileges have been denied may have the decision reviewed by the Board of Trustees. (per DLC Behavior Policy) The existing Behavior Policy remains in effect.

The library Board of Trustees reserves the right to make adjustments to this policy.

References:

Downingtown Library Behavior Policy, January 17, 2019 Amended

Center for Disease Control COVID-19 Guidelines

PA Department of Health COVID-19 Guidelines

“Framework for Reopening Public Libraries” from Office of Commonwealth Libraries

“Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Public Health Safety Measures for Businesses Permitted to Maintain In-person Operations” (April 19, 2020)

“Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Building Safety Measures” (April 6, 2020)

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