

COVID-19 Policy (Updated 3/1/2022)

Introduction:

This document is based on continuing guidance from the US and Maine CDC. This policy supersedes any previously approved library policies which conflict with anything described below. It remains in effect until there is no longer a need to maintain modified services to the public based on guidance from public health officials and will be modified to reflect current guidance. Information about up-to-date COVID-19 policies and procedures will be available via our website: www.thompson.lib.me.us

Guidelines for Community Members:

- Do not enter the library building if you feel sick, have any symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
 - Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.
- Masks are not required, but may be recommended based on the guidelines provided by the [US CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) while Piscataquis County is in the High category.
 - The library will supply masks for adults and children in the foyer as long as there is a need among our patrons.
 - Curbside service is available for those who would prefer it.
- Hand sanitizer is provided in multiple locations around the library for use by the public as long as there is a need for it among our patrons.
- Do not enter "Staff Only" areas of the library building.
- There is no limit on patrons inside the library at one time or physical distancing requirement, though we request patrons to use good judgment and be respectful of others in recognizing that others in the library will have varying comfort levels.
- Please note that we cannot guarantee that the library is a virus-free environment. It is the visitor's responsibility to determine if the library is a safe place for you and your family during this global pandemic.

Meeting Room/Group Events Use:

- Any use of the community meeting room is at the discretion of the library director.

Staff Quarantine Policy:

- Staff no longer need to quarantine following a close contact, but should strictly mask at work for 10 days and test following the fifth day.
- Staff should quarantine after testing positive for five days, and should strictly mask at work for 5 additional days following their return to work.
- Tests will be available at the library for free should staff not have access to them.

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