

**WINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
COVID-19 FACE COVERING POLICY**

March 2022

Winfield Public Library COVID-19 Face Covering Policy

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

This policy shall be in place any time the Illinois Department of Health, the DuPage County Department of Health, the Governor of the State of Illinois, or library staff designated to make a determination regarding this matter deem it necessary for patrons to wear a mask following guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control, the Illinois Department of Health, or the DuPage County Health Department.

Designated library staff will use the following metrics to determine if masks are necessary:

Risk Level	DuPage County Transmission Rate	DuPage County Positivity Rate	Mask Wearing Requirement
High	Greater than 5%	Greater than 8%	Everyone in building must wear mask
Medium	2% - 4.9%	5% - 7.9%	Masks highly recommended, required for staff and anyone attending a Youth Services program in the building
Low	Less than 2%	Below 5%	Masks recommended for visitors to building, recommended for staff

If it is determined masks are to be worn, all staff and patrons over the age of two will be required to wear a face covering which completely covers their nose and mouth in all indoor public areas of the Library at all times.

Acceptable face coverings include disposable masks, cloth masks, KN95 masks and N95 masks. 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 should make an effort to maintain a three-foot distance from anyone not in their household while in the Library when the risk level is high.

Patrons who are unable to wear a mask due to a pre-existing medical condition are encouraged to use the Library's holds pickup or homebound 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 a face covering. Patrons interested in using these services should contact library staff for more information.

Patrons who refuse to wear a face covering and/or to maintain three-foot distance will be asked to leave the library. Patrons who violate this policy, are also in violation of the Library's General Policy which states, "The safety and comfort of all people in the library is the primary concern. Any activity which jeopardizes this is cause for expulsion from the library."

Protocols for staff will be communicated via email and protocols for library visitors will be posted at library entrances.

Signed and adopted by the Winfield Library Board of Trustees this 9th day of

March 2022.

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