



## Policy 3061: COVID-19 Safety Policy

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### I. Purpose

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, to be a global pandemic. The Governor of the State of Illinois declared an emergency and subsequently issued a response plan. This COVID-19 Safety Policy responds to the global pandemic and reopening of the state by defining expectations for library users and visitors in order to address community, patron, and staff health and safety concerns.

### II. Expectations

- A. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Governor of the State of Illinois along with the Illinois Department of Public Health continue to issue guidance, and also permit local government bodies to enact provisions that are in line with or stricter than their guidance.
- B. Guidance from the CDC indicates that wearing a face covering/face mask is an effective method recommended to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Masking requirements put in place by the CDC, State of Illinois, McHenry County, or other agency of authority will be followed.
- C. Drive-thru and/or curbside service, chat service, phone service, and Virtual Library services and programs are available to all patrons who choose to use these services.

### III. Timeline

This policy is effective immediately. The Board of Library Trustees reserves the right at any time to amend or rescind this policy.