Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness. Symptoms and treatment are found here.

The best way to prevent and slow down transmission is to be well informed about the COVID-19 virus, the disease it causes and how it spreads. The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. Protect yourself and others from infection by doing the following:

- **Wash your hands or using an alcohol based rub frequently.**
- **Avoid touching your face.**
- **Practice social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet of distance between you and others.**
- **Wear a mask or cloth face covering when social distancing is difficult to maintain.**
- **Practice respiratory etiquette (for example, by coughing into a flexed elbow).**
- **Clean frequently touched surfaces with soap and water and disinfect surfaces using EPA-registered household disinfectant or bleach solution.**

(Information from World Health Organization and Centers for Disease and Prevention, accessed April 5, 2020)

**Stay Informed**

Jefferson County (IN) Health Department [https://jeffersoncounty.in.gov/159/Health-Department](https://jeffersoncounty.in.gov/159/Health-Department)

Indiana State Department of Health [https://secure.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm](https://secure.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm)

Governor Eric Holcomb's Executive Orders [https://www.in.gov/gov/2384.htm](https://www.in.gov/gov/2384.htm)


World Health Organization [https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1](https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1)
What your library is doing to protect you, our staff and our community:

- We are cleaning and disinfecting all returned library materials.
- We are cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces.
- We are taking a hiatus from face to face contact by closing the library buildings to encourage social distancing.
- We are offering classes and programs on Facebook Jefferson County Public Library—Madison and Hanover.
- We are hosting blood drives for the American Red Cross. See our Events Calendar for information.
- We are offering online library card registrations.
- We are offering free Wi-Fi access on the street sides of the Madison library and in the parking lot at Hanover library.
- We are offering more online resources through:
  - OverDrive
  - Hoopla
  - Tumblebooks
  - Inspire
  - ReferenceUSA
  - WorldBook
  - Novelist

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