Get the Facts: COVID-19 Resources and Safeguards

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

Indiana State Department of Health https://secure.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm

Governor Eric Holcomb’s Executive Orders https://www.in.gov/gov/2384.htm


World Health Organization 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 offering drive-thru and curbside services.
- 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 - eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, video
  - Hoopla - eBooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, music, TV, movies
  - Tumblebooks - eBooks and games for kids and teens
  - Inspire - Databases for research, including Consumer Reports, newspapers & journals
  - ReferenceUSA - Search businesses, trends, and business research
  - WorldBook - Online encyclopedia and more
  - Novelist - Find book series and what to read next

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Employees Health and Wellness
- All employees should monitor how they feel and be aware of potential symptoms of COVID-19.
- All employees will take their own temperature prior to reporting for work.
- If the employee does not feel well, exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms, or has a temperature above 100.4, the employee should stay home and alert their supervisor.
- If an employee exhibits symptoms of illness at work they may be sent home.
- Employees should review the CDC guidelines for what to do if exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

Enhanced Cleaning
- Library materials will be cleaned with an EPA approved disinfectant and quarantined for 72 hours when returned to the Library.
- All frequently used areas will be cleaned with an EPA approved disinfectant at the beginning and ends of each shift and as needed throughout the day.

Compliance with Social Distancing
- All employees will maintain a 6 feet distance between themselves and others.
- Contactless transactions will be conducted with the public including drive-thru, curbside and online assistance and programming.
- Employees will wear masks when interacting with the public and when maintaining social distancing with others is difficult.
- Personal safety guards, social distancing signage and limited entrance will be utilized.

Hygiene Measures
- Employees may wear gloves when handling materials.
- Employees are required to practice frequent handwashing and/or use hand sanitizer.
- Hand sanitizer and tissues will be available for public use.

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