

COVID-19 Policy Thompson Free Library

Introduction:

This document is based on continuing guidance from the 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.
 - If you display any of these symptoms, you may be asked to leave the library building.
- Masking decisions will be based on the guidelines provided by the [US CDC](https://www.cdc.gov). While Piscataquis County is in the High or Substantial category, masks will be required inside the library at all times. When the county returns to the Low or Moderate category and remains there for one week, masks will again be optional.
 - The library will supply masks for adults and children in the foyer.
 - 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.
- Do not enter "Staff Only" areas of the library building.
- Children under age 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- There is no limit on patrons inside the library at one time or physical distancing, though we request patrons to use good judgement 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.
- In person events will, by default, still be outside in the Event Tent. Events held inside will be at the discretion of the library director.

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