

## **NEW COVID Mitigation Efforts**

On December 10, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania announced new restrictions to try to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and avoid overwhelming our hospitals and healthcare facilities. While the library will remain open at this point to provide essential service to our community, we will do our part to protect our patrons and staff by implementing new policies & procedures to minimize indoor gathering and face-to-face interactions.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Monday – Thursday 10:00 – 5:00

Friday – Saturday 10:00-2:00

### **WITH NEW TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS:**

- Limit your library use to brief browsing and checking out materials.
- There will be no seating available. Please select your items to check out, then enjoy your library materials at home.
- Limit computer use to a minimum and only if necessary. There will be no staff assistance available.
- Use the self-checkout stations to reduce interactions with staff and other patrons (If you do not know your password – ask the staff to reset it for you).
- We will follow the guidelines for reduced capacity inside our building.
- All patrons who enter the building are required to wear a cloth face mask or surgical mask that fully covers the mouth and nose. Those that cannot wear a face mask, including children, should use our curbside pickup service instead. No exceptions at this time.
- Use Curbside pickup for your holds, whenever possible or needed.
  - **Call the library at 717-774-7820 before your arrival. Please allow 5 to 10 minutes for staff to retrieve and check out your items. They will be delivered outside the door, checked out to you.**
- Please do not use the Library if you have a cough, feel ill or have been advised to quarantine.
- Book sales for December are cancelled.
- Further reductions in hours or services are possible if the safety of staff and patrons are compromised because these safety measures cannot be maintained, there are reductions to our staffing levels or because of further community spread.

## **CONTINUING MEASURES:**

- We will continue to quarantine returns for 72 hours. Materials will remain checked out on your account for four days after return but no fines will be charged. Please remember to return all items to the outside book drop.
- We encourage you to place holds on materials so that your items are ready for you to pick up when you visit.
- Curbside pickup is available by calling the library at 717-774-7820 before your arrival. Please allow 5 to 10 minutes for staff to retrieve and check out your items.
- We encourage you to take advantage of our electronic resources, including e-books, e-audiobooks, videos, databases, and more from the comfort and safety of your home.
- If you have symptoms or do not feel well, please stay home. If you have been told to quarantine due to contact with someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, or someone who is waiting for test results, please do not visit the library. Patrons with visible symptoms, such as a cough or sneezing, may be asked to leave the building.
- Cloth face masks or surgical masks are required for all patrons. Buffs, face shields, and other alternatives are not permitted. If you cannot wear a mask, please use our e-resources or arrange for curbside pickup of holds.

The Library will continue to monitor conditions in our community, as well as follow the guidance from state and county health officials. We want to continue to serve our community, but do so safely. Thank you for your understanding. We are committed to providing library service safely!