



## COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

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This mitigation plan establishes how the Juneau Public Libraries will reopen during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The goal of this plan is to protect the health of library patrons and staff while resuming the provision of library services.

What we know about the COVID-19 disease will continue to change as scientists and researchers throughout the world learn and publish more information. Likewise, this mitigation plan will change and we greatly appreciate your assistance and patience as we adapt.

Library reopening began on **January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Future adjustments to reopening will be dependent on our local situation and are subject to direction from the City & Borough of Juneau Assembly.

### General

1. Patrons are required to wear a mask or a face covering over their nose and mouth and maintain social distancing of at least six feet between individuals and household groups by the City & Borough of Juneau: <https://juneau.org/newsroom-item/masks-required-in-cbj-facilities>
  - a. Face coverings are required for all individuals.
  - b. Children under the age of three should not wear a face covering.
  - c. Public use computer stations and furniture is re-arranged and limited to accommodate distancing.
  - d. Plastic “sneeze guards” are installed at customer service counters to allow for an extra degree of separation where distancing is not possible.
  - e. Floor markings will be installed to indicate where library patrons should stand to maintain distancing while waiting for the next available library staff member.
2. A limited amount of in-person programming will resume during this phase of re-opening.
3. The Downtown library large meeting room will be limited to 8 people during this phase of the reopening. The Douglas and Valley large meeting rooms will be limited to 15 people during this phase of the reopening. The Valley Teen room will remain closed. Use of the rooms for COVID-19 Emergency Operations takes priority over public meetings.
4. The smaller study rooms will be limited to 2 people per room during this phase of reopening.
5. The Valley conference room will be limited to 4 people during this phase of reopening.

### Hygiene & Cleaning Protocols

1. Employees will wash their hands frequently and members of the public are encouraged to do the same using the public and/or family restrooms.
2. Hand sanitizer will be available for staff and patrons at public service desks.
3. No member of the public displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may be present in the library and signage reflecting this will be posted outside of the library. Digital remote services will remain



available and library materials may be picked up for those unable to visit the library by a trusted contact.

## Staffing

1. No employee displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may come to work.
2. Employees with COVID-19 symptoms and/or employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 will follow CDC guidance for discontinuation of isolation for persons with COVID-19 regarding returning to work: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>
3. If an employee is confirmed to have COVID-19, the library or museum will follow CDC guidance for businesses and employers responding to COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

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