

COVID-19 FAQ from the Independence Public Library

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The Independence Public Library is committed to serving our community and providing access to services and information. As the library moves through COVID-19 reopening stages, the library will let you know and about safety measures that will impact our programs and services.

The library is currently open to the public.

What are the open hours?

Monday – Thursday 9:30 am – 7:00 pm
Friday Curbside Pickup Only 2:00 – 6:00 pm
Saturday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Are there restrictions to how long I can be in the library?

Yes, to keep the environment as safe as possible, allow for cleaning, and allow access to many individuals with our 30-person limit, the library has time limits. They are as follows:

Browsing, Reading, Checking Out	60 minutes
Computer Use	75 minutes
Study Room Use	90 minutes

Will I be required to wear a mask?

We encourage everyone to wear a mask to keep patrons and staff safe, but it is not required.

What measures are you taking to keeping the environment safe?

The library encourages basic health protocols for staff and patrons. These consist of washing your hands frequently, covering your cough, and staying home when sick. In addition, the following measures are being taken:

- Masks are not required, but they are strongly encouraged.
- Signage is posted to encourage safe social distancing and hygiene practices.
- Hand sanitizer is available for patron and staff use.
- Plexiglass shields are located between staff and patrons at service points.
- Spacing is increased at computers and seating areas to allow for social distancing.
- High-touch surfaces are cleaned frequently.
- Time limits for patrons help to protect both patrons and staff, as the longer you are close to somebody with COVID (and we don't always know who has it), the more likely it is to spread.
- The library is limited to 30 total people at one time to enable safe distancing. This includes patrons and staff.