

[Library COVID-19 Safeguards](#)

Face Coverings and Physical Distancing

- We are committed to a safe, realistic, and community-oriented approach to serving you. For the safety of all, if you are feeling ill, please do not visit.
- Patrons and staff age 3 and up are required to wear a mask while on the premises. Masks must cover your nose, mouth, and chin. People who have been vaccinated still must wear a mask. Ventilator masks are not allowed. Disposable masks are available at all locations for patrons who do not have one, and [free reusable masks from the Bloomington Mask Drive are available at the Main Library](#).
- Physical distancing of six feet is enforced.
- Services are limited to assist with physical distancing.
- Signage and barriers are in place to enforce physical distancing.

Enhanced Cleaning

- All hard surfaces and high-touch areas are cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- High-touch surfaces are disinfected with recommended cleaners.
- Library materials are quarantined for at least 24 hours after being returned by a patron, [per CDC guidelines](#).

Handwashing and Sanitizing

- Patrons and staff have access to restrooms. Handwashing procedures and guidelines are posted at sinks.
- Hand sanitizer is widely available throughout the building.

Employee Health Screening

- Employees are aware of potential COVID-19 symptoms.
- Employees take their temperature before reporting to work each day.
- If employees are feeling ill, they do not report to work.

COVID-19 Case Information

- An employee who works in an isolated area of the Main Library received a positive COVID-19 test result on November 23, 2020. This individual contracted COVID-19 while offsite and did not interface with the public. This was the Library's first case of COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic.
- A Bookstore volunteer received a positive COVID-19 test result on December 14, 2020. This individual contracted COVID-19 while offsite and did not interface with the public.
- For any employee or volunteer case, the Monroe County Health Department is notified, internal contact tracing takes place, and deep cleaning of the affected and adjacent areas is completed. Individuals may return to work pending negative test results and being asymptomatic.

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