

Guidance for Libraries and Museums

STATUS: OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS

Libraries and Museums are allowed to open under the limitations in Governor Reeves' Executive [Order 1491](#) summarized below.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS

- Continue following the Guidance for All Employers.
- Employees must wear face coverings (when tolerated medically and physically) when social distancing of six-feet between individuals cannot be consistently maintained.
- All commercial entities and establishments that provide services to the public must require customers and visitors to wear face coverings (when tolerated medically and physically) when entering and exiting the facility and when walking around in the facility when social distancing can't be maintained. Customers may remove face covering while seated at tables.
- All commercial entities and establishments that provide services to the public must require customers and visitors to wear face coverings (when tolerated medically and physically) when in an area or performing an activity where social distancing can't be maintained. Customers may remove face covering while seated at tables.
- All commercial entities and establishments that provide services to the public must post face covering requirements in an obvious location to provide notice to employees and visitors.
- Prior to resuming operations, the entire facility must be deep cleaned.
- Libraries and Museums shall conduct a daily screening of all employees at the beginning of their shifts. Such daily screening shall include the following questions, and any employee answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home: (1) have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days; (2) are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat; (3) have you had a fever in the last 48 hours; (4) have you had new loss of taste or smell; and (5) have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- All employees shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to their supervisor, and any employee who exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during their shift shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
- The number of guests in the library/museum shall be limited to no greater than 50% capacity.
- Social distancing (of a minimum of six feet) shall be observed throughout the library/museum.
- Employees shall be trained to insure that social distancing is observed and to discourage congregating in common spaces.
- Tables shall be rearranged to ensure a minimum of six feet of separation between tables. Seating at each table shall be limited to a maximum of six guests.
- All high-touch areas shall be sanitized, at a minimum, once every two hours.
- Hand sanitizer shall be placed at all points of entry and exit, as well as in concession areas.
- Group tours and activities shall be limited to a maximum of twenty guests.
- Museum cafes may resume food services subject to the limitations on in-house dining.

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