

## **DeKalb Public Library Community Infectious Disease Safety Policy**

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

The DeKalb Public Library is committed to staff and patron safety and takes precautions to minimize the spread of infectious diseases in the community.

This policy shall be in place any time the Illinois Department of Health or Governor of Illinois issues a mask mandate for the State of Illinois or the DeKalb area, or at the discretion of the Library Director in consultation with the DeKalb County Health Department.

All staff and patrons over the age of two are required to wear an approved face covering which completely covers their nose and mouth in all indoor public areas of the library at all times. Face coverings must also be worn in outdoor public areas of the library when social distancing is not possible.

Acceptable face coverings are those which are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Patrons should check the CDC's website or contact the library via phone or email to confirm whether a face covering is acceptable.

Patrons must maintain a six foot distance from anyone not in their household while in the library.

Patrons who are unable to wear a mask due to a pre-existing medical condition are encouraged to use the library's outreach services. Additional reasonable accommodations such as personalized reader's advisory services, or online resources are available to those who are medically prevented from, or decline to wear a face covering. Such accommodations will be made upon written request to the Director.

Patrons who refuse to wear a face covering and/or to maintain six-foot distance will be asked to leave the library.

*Approved by the DeKalb Public Library Board of Trustees 02/2024*