

## **E5.01 Patron Behavior and Rules of Conduct: Face Coverings and Social Distancing**

The City Library has a responsibility to create a safe environment for patrons and staff as one of the few, if not only, heavily trafficked free, open, indoor public spaces in our community. Health officials at the local, state, and national levels have put forth strong recommendations and guidance regarding the efficacy of face coverings in preventing the spread of COVID-19, especially in public spaces.

As noted in Utah State's official guidelines, [\*Phased Guidelines for the General Public and Businesses to Maximize Public Health and Economic Reactivation\*](#), "Face coverings are extremely important in the retail setting, as customers are passing one another with high frequency"

Therefore, in the interest of maintaining a safe and healthy environment for patrons and staff, and to help reduce community transmission of the coronavirus, the following behavior requirements will be temporarily added to our policy:

- Face coverings that fully cover the mouth and nose (e.g. mask, scarf, gaiter, bandana) will be worn in library buildings and at Library events.
- If a patron does not have a face covering, the Library will provide one.
- Individuals should maintain a 6 foot distance from others, excepting those who live together in the same domicile.
- Face coverings are not required on young children under the age of 2.

The Executive Director is granted the authority to suspend or reactivate these behavior requirements for face coverings and social distancing as needed to protect the health of staff and patrons per local, state, and national guidelines and recommendations related to the coronavirus pandemic response.

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