

Personal Protective Equipment Policy

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Purpose:

The Plainedge Public Library has as our top priority, a responsibility, both to the community, and to our staff, to keep everyone as safe as possible by reducing the risk of infection in, around, and on library facilities, materials, and equipment. Therefore, the Board of Trustees has adopted this Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy.

Goals:

- Provide access to library services to all computer members
- To maintain the health and safety of employees
- To maintain the regular hours of our facility
- To keep the community informed of our policy at all times by having it posted on our website and in the building.
- Follow the current and future New York State Executive Orders or laws including those pertaining to PPE, workforce and occupancy reductions, and social distancing guidelines. The practices in this policy may be modified as needed to conform with such Executive Orders, as well as mandates from all federal, state, and local government agencies.

Authority & Evaluation

- We reserve the right to limit attendance at programs and enforce safe distancing
- We reserve the right to return to requiring masks at any time, following guidelines below, or if we feel that the employees are at risk
- We reserve the right to have a masks optional policy in the building, but require masks in meetings or programs, or some hybrid method that we determine to be the safest possible situation for everyone

Patrons and staff are responsible for adhering to our current policy and maintaining respectful behavior at all times.

Questions or concerns regarding this policy should be brought to the attention of the Library Director.

Masks will be optional upon the directive from the governor OR a vote by the trustees. This policy will remain in effect until the Board of Trustees votes to remove or revise it.