

Public Facial Covering Policy

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Purpose

The Stickney Forest View Public Library District is dedicated to providing a safe and comfortable environment for all patrons and staff. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, certain additional policies are required. In accordance with the *Restore Illinois Plan - A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State*, all persons over the age of two entering the library must wear and maintain a facial covering that covers the mouth and nose and must maintain a six (6) foot distance from all other persons when practicable. For patrons whose medical condition or disability prevents them from safely wearing a facial covering, the library shall make reasonable accommodations upon request, provided such accommodations do not cause undue hardship to the library. Reasonable accommodations include, but are not limited to curbside service and making certain resources available online.

Patrons who refuse to wear a facial covering and/or to maintain a six (6) foot distance when practicable shall be required to leave the library. Any patrons who refuse to leave upon request shall be removed and banned from the library for a period of three (3) months. The library reserves the right to call for assistance in removing an uncooperative patron.

In accordance with the Illinois Public Library District Act of 1991 (75 ILCS 15, *et seq.*) and the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District's Patron Code of Conduct Policy, the Board of Trustees of the Stickney-Forest View Public Library has the power to "exclude from the use of the Library any person who willfully violates an ordinance or regulation prescribed by the board."

This Public Facial Covering policy shall be lifted automatically when the Illinois Department of Public Health declares that the state has reached Phase 5 of the *Restore Illinois Plan*. The policy shall be reinstated automatically should the Illinois Department of Public Health determine that it is necessary for the Northeast region to return to any phase lower than Phase 5 of the *Restore Illinois Plan*.

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