



# COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

Because information is changing quickly, WVLS will send out an email each weekday around 9 a.m., featuring new developments for our member libraries related to COVID-19.

**1) If your library is reducing services or completely closing,** please notify the Help Desk at [help@librarieswin.org](mailto:help@librarieswin.org).

## **2) What's New on the COVID-19 Webpage**

- Status of Member Libraries
- Updated FAQ Document (attached; including information about extensions not counting as circulations or renewals)

## **3) Evers Ordering "Safer At Home"**

Gov. Tony Evers said Monday that he will order the closure of all nonessential businesses starting Tuesday and he urged people to stay at home to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus that has killed five people in the state and infected more than 400...Evers said many unanswered questions about the order, including the full list of exemptions and how long it would be in place, **would be released on Tuesday.** [Read more.](#)

## **4) Wisconsin COVID-19 Webpage**

The [Wisconsin COVID-19 Coronavirus Information webpage](#) is now available. This webpage brings together very important real-time resources and updates about COVID-19 across state agencies so that the best information and resources are conveniently at your fingertips from one webpage. The resources are fluid and are frequently being updated with the latest information about COVID-19.

## 5) Staying Together: COVID-19 Discussions

WVLS will host two virtual discussions per week for member library directors or a proxy to ask questions, share ideas, and connect. **The second one will be today at 1 p.m.** These 60-minute discussions will be recorded and archived on the webpage.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/413043557>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 413-043-557

## 6) Rural Libraries and Health

Do you know of any rural libraries that educate their community about health and wellness, connect to community resources and/or offer health assessments?

- *Onsite services such as telemedicine, testing, or special offerings for veterans*
- *Outreach partnerships with other anchor type institutions such as barber shops, YMCAs, cultural centers, etc.*
- *A library in a large community that serves rural residents by providing combined transportation to urban clinics and their own location.*
- *A library using its bookmobiles? "Social worker in the library" that is shared by rural library systems?*

If you have a story or an example to share, please send it to Tessa Michael Schmidt at [Tessa.Schmidt@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:Tessa.Schmidt@dpi.wi.gov).

## 7) Upcoming COVID-19 Webinars

### **Public Libraries Respond to COVID-19: The Current Landscape**

Thursday, March 26; 1 p.m.

What are public libraries doing in response to COVID-19? How are they making decisions?

Where are they getting information, and how are they sharing it with their communities?

Participants of this webinar will learn about the current public library landscape amidst

COVID-19, hear from library leaders about what they've done, and have the opportunity to share and ask questions. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

### **Mini-Conference This Thursday**

Four webinars given Thursday afternoon, with 30-minute breaks.

Topics include:

- Self-Care During a Crisis
- Why and How to Promote Your Online Services
- Serving Patrons in a Crisis
- Preparing Your Digital Branch for Increased Use

[Read more.](#)

### **8) Video on Absentee Voting**

April at the Demmer Memorial Library [made a video](#) demonstrating how to request an absentee ballot for this election.

