



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) What's New on the [WVLS COVID-19 Webpage](#)

- Status of Member Libraries (If your library wants to add additional information about being closed or who to contact, please notify the Help Desk at help@librarieswin.org).

2) Staying Together: COVID-19 Discussions

The next discussion for a library director or a proxy will be **Today at 10 a.m.** If you want to check your audio, Jamie will log on 15 minutes prior to the meeting. We strongly encourage using your phone for your audio. The log-in information is below:

Phone: [+1.888.748.9073](tel:+18887489073) or
[+1.844.540.8065](tel:+18445408065) (only one number is needed to join)
Meeting ID: 715 3972 9713 9731

Or Sign-in via Computer

<https://bluejeans.com/715397297139731>

3) April 7 Election: Absentee Ballot Request and Return Deadline Extended

The new deadline to REQUEST an absentee ballot by mail has been extended one day to 5 PM on Friday, April 3.

- Go to [Vote Absentee](#).
- Review the following tutorials for guidance on how to request an absentee ballot online: [video](#) and/or [blog post/video](#).
- OR print, fill out and return scanned copy of [Application for Absentee Ballot \(EL-121\)](#). Visit [contact your municipal clerk](#) to find his/her email address.

The new deadline for RETURNING filled out absentee ballots is 4 PM Monday, April 13.

- The requirement for a witness signature on the absentee ballot envelope has also been lifted for voters who “provide a written affirmation that they could not safely obtain a witness signature due to coronavirus fears.”
- [Read more](#).

4) Coronavirus: Mental Health Coping Strategies

The coronavirus can significantly affect mental health for everyone, but especially for those with mental illness. Both the anxiety of contracting the disease as well as the increase in loneliness and isolation can worsen and trigger symptoms. [Read more](#).

5) Drive-Up Wi-fi Coverage Survey

DPI is collecting information about public WiFi access in partnership with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) to publish a “Drive Up WiFi” availability map for Wisconsinites. WVLS is also seeking more detailed information from member libraries about current coverage ranges outside of the libraries (to the extent information is already known or can be quickly collected). [We ask that each library please complete this survey](#) to the extent possible as quickly as feasible. We will submit an initial report to DPI on Monday 4/6/2020 afternoon, and will follow up with updates regularly thereafter.

6) SSCS Conference Canceled

After careful consideration of the ongoing spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Wisconsin,

we regret to inform you that the 2020 Support Staff & Circulation Services Conference scheduled for May 21, 2020, has been canceled. This unanimous decision was made by the SSCS leadership, WLA Board, and Executive Director in light of the rapidly escalating health concerns and other restrictions. Please contact the WLA office at wla@wisconsinlibraries.org with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

-SSCS Conference Committee, Sherry Machones, WLA President