



WVLS will send an email on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 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 WVLS Member Libraries

2) "Staying Together" This Week: Today Only

The next Staying Together Discussion is **Today at 1 p.m.** We will talk about what your library needs to do to prepare for patrons entering the building.

Phone: +1.408.419.1715 or 1.408.915.6290 (only one number is needed to join)

Meeting ID: 715 397 297 139 731

Or Sign-in via Computer: <https://bluejeans.com/715397297139731>

3) Recommendation on Quarantining Materials

Based on the Wisconsin public library system director meeting on Tuesday, May 12, it was communicated that the standard for quarantining items is 72 hours. Therefore, WVLS recommends a minimum of 72 hours to quarantine all materials incoming from the courier, and all materials returned to library book drops. Please submit a Help ticket (help@librarieswin.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

4) Grant Opportunities Spreadsheet

Many updates have been shared about recent grant opportunities for libraries. Michael Dennison, Public Library Consultant for the DLT, compiled a spreadsheet of the grants that are available, so they can be tracked more easily. You can [view that information here](#). This

information is also referenced in the latest [Wisconsin Libraries Are For Everyone blog post](#).

5) The Risks - Know Them and Avoid Them (blog post)

We know most people get infected in their own home. A household member contracts the virus in the community and brings it into the house where sustained contact between household members leads to infection.

But where are people contracting the infection in the community? I regularly hear people worrying about grocery stores, bike rides, inconsiderate runners who are not wearing masks.... are these places of concern? Bathrooms have a lot of high touch surfaces, door handles, faucets, stall doors. So fomite transfer risk in this environment can be high. We still do not know whether a person releases infectious material in feces or just fragmented virus, but we do know that toilet flushing does aerosolize many droplets. [Read more](#).