



Special Update for Thursday, May 14

Yesterday (May 13), the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down the ruling for [“Safer at Home.”](#)

- [Wisconsin Public Radio](#). Wisconsin Supreme Court strikes down 'Safer at Home.'
- [Wisconsin State Journal](#). Wisconsin Supreme Court strikes down stay at home order.

Since this ruling, some counties and cities have chosen to reenact “Safer at Home.”

- [Cap Times](#). Court strikes down Evers' stay at home order; Dane County implements its own.
- [Brown County, Appleton continue with "Safer at Home": What That Means For You](#).

There is also a lot of misinformation out there and confusion. What do we recommend in the meantime?

- WVLS will keep you up-to-date with information and guidelines from the DPI and how this could impact the [“Guidelines for Reopening Wisconsin Public Libraries Timeline.”](#)
- Keep providing current services, including curb-side pick up, online services, virtual storytimes, etc.
- Updating your library’s website, voice mail and social media accounts with language such as: *In light of the recent news of that Wisconsin State Supreme Court overturned Safer at Home, the library is gathering information and resources to determine how and when we safely open our doors. Keep watching our Website/Facebook page for updates. In the meantime, we are still happy to provide ____, ____, ____.*

- Start thinking about what it might mean and preparations your library needs to take to open its doors. There was an excellent discussion at yesterday's "Staying Together" Meeting. The [recording of that is posted here](#), and the chat discussion is also available on the WVLS COVID-19 webpage (under Staying Together tab). Similar to providing curbside service, this will be a local library board decision in consultation with municipal and county health officials.
- Be alert to communications from your county and municipal health departments and elected leaders. Press releases, news stories and other information from state agencies, counties and municipalities are aggregated at [The Wheeler Report](#) throughout the day.
- There is a Governor/Department of Health Services Briefing today at 1:30 p.m. You can [view that here](#).

Please continue to reach out to WVLS staff with any questions or concerns. We thank you for your patience and the great work that you are doing.