



WVLS will send an email on Tuesday 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](#)

- Library Status Updates
- Notifying WVLS of Service Changes Document (Under Status of Member Libraries)

2) "Staying Together" Today

The next Staying Together Discussion is Today at 1 p.m. The topic is sanitizing tech equipment.

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) Canva Training on July 28

Anne and Jamie will be available after the "Staying Together" Discussion (2-3 p.m.) for an informal opportunity to ask questions and learn more about Canva. Anne will walk through the design help tools, explore the flyer and social media templates, and share the download process for different uses. This is not available for contact hours, and anyone is welcome to attend.

4) Notifying WVLS of Service Level Changes

If your library should need to return to curbside service, temporarily close, re-open, or expand hours and services, please share the changes with WVLS at help@librarieswin.org as soon as you are able. Please refer to the document attached for guidance, also available on the [WVLS COVID-19 Resources Webpage](#).

5) Healthy Coping

The COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily changed the way we work and live, go to school, and spend time together. Limiting close contact with each other protects everyone's health, including those who are most vulnerable. It also helps ensure vital health care resources remain available for those who need them. But knowing that change is important doesn't make it easy. As we all adapt to recent events, it's natural to feel stress, worry, and even anger. [Read more.](#)

6) Testing of Library Materials and Quarantining

As part of the REALM Project's Phase 1 research, Battelle conducted a natural attenuation study to provide information on how long some commonly circulated library materials would need to be quarantined prior to being returned to public circulation.

The testing process included applying the virulent SARS-CoV-2 virus (the virus that causes COVID-19) on five selected materials, and results show that the virus was not detectable on these materials after three days of quarantine. Battelle began testing a second round of materials on June 23, 2020, and the results are expected to be released in late July 2020.

For more information on the results of the testing and other activities, visit the [Happening Now](#) project update page.