



Information sent every Thursday at 9 a.m., with 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" on Tuesday, Aug. 25

The next Staying Together Discussion is on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 1 p.m. The topic will be the role of public libraries and voting, changes to the voting tools, and best practices in voting safely.

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) REALM Project Test 3 Results Available

As part of the REALM project's research, Battelle has conducted three natural attenuation studies to provide information on how long the virus may survive on materials common to archives, libraries, and museums. The studies were conducted by applying the virulent SARS-CoV-2 virus on five materials held at standard room temperature (68°F to 75°F) and relative humidity conditions (30 to 50 percent). [Read more.](#)

WVLS is waiting on any new recommendations from the Wisconsin DPI. In the meantime, we have encouraged member libraries in our Courier Guidelines to consider precautions or sanitation methods when handling the outside or opening of bins. Please direct any questions or concerns to courier@wvls.org.

4) How to use "WELL" Design Principles to Address Covid-19 and Create Healthier Libraries

Tuesday, August 25; 1 p.m. CST

The changes we see certainly impact our community, economy, workplace and our peace of mind. Many communities may or may not be faced with the notion of going back to offices, schools, and public facilities. If your community is one preparing for a 're-opening', this webinar discusses WELL design principles that will help you tackle tough space problems related to the pandemic while also making your library healthier for the long haul.

Concepts of WELL design directly address the physical challenges created by the pandemic with space configuration, flexible furniture arrangements, new technology and adjustments to building systems. However we will go beyond the physical and discuss how WELL design principles can improve patrons sense of wellbeing, safety and ability to relax and focus. [Register here.](#)