



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
- Mask Mandate Graphics (Under Graphics and Templates)

2) "Staying Together" on Tuesday, Aug. 11

The next Staying Together Discussion is on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 1 p.m. The topics are the role of public libraries as school starts again, and patron response to the mask mandate.

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) Upcoming Webinars

- How Pandemics Impact Library Buildings and Technology
Tuesday, Aug. 11; 10 a.m. (60 minutes)
According to climate scientists, pandemics could become a regular occurrence. Join MSR Design, bibliotheca and a panel of library leaders as we turn our attention to future impacts. We'll discuss how libraries can implement changes that ensure safe spaces and user wellbeing while providing the means to be agile in the future.
[Register here.](#)
- How to Deal with Problem Behaviours Related to COVID-19
Presented by Ryan Dowd
Thursday, Aug. 13; 1 p.m. (60 minutes)

Some of the issues covered:

How to ask someone to wear a mask.

How to get social distance when someone is standing too close.
How to handle someone showing symptoms (coughing, etc.)

[Pre-Registration Required](#). A recording (with closed captioning) will be available on NicheAcademy.com a few days after the live event.

4) Fun Reading Program to Battle the Summer Slide

The summer of 2020 is one for the books, with librarians nationwide facing more challenges than ever before. In addition to planning around uncertain re-openings and operations, libraries are also working to promote the importance of summer reading as “summer slide” academic regression compounds into COVID Slide, a term for the months-long learning loss due to extended school closures. To help parents and caregivers support their kids during this time, [Highlights](#) and [Baker & Taylor](#) have launched the Highlights Activity Bingo reading program.

Modeled after Highlights’ Highlights@Home initiative, which was created to support families during the COVID-19 stay-at-home period, Highlights Activity Bingo provides library systems with engaging and flexible children’s programming, allowing them to continue serving their communities while navigating whatever comes next. Libraries can learn more about the program and [sign up by clicking here](#).