

Mask Mandate

- What is the status of the mask mandate in your county? Is it being enforced?
- What have you used for communicating the mandate? (door signage, social media, communication from staff, graphics)
- What has been the patron response?

Virginia: Just discussed how they would handle and would offer curbside. Haven't had any trouble. Most people are receptive. Even people who want to browse have to wear one. Police said they would not enforce, and they will enforce people who refuse.

Teresa: Changed signage to say "masks are required by mandate." People are ok with it. If someone asks, we tell them yes. If they come in without it, we remind them. We have them for people who don't have one or forget. If they keep pushing, we feel comfortable saying "we may have to close the library, and we'll give you a few minutes to browse." Feels the resistance in community. Most are respectful.

Peggy: Has had to tell people to keep the mask on, if they take it off. Notice was on Facebook and on the library website. There is a sign on the podium.

Kate: She will pull her mask up and people model that behavior. County not enforcing it. They have a sign that free masks are available. "Here for you." "Do you want a free mask?"

Loralee: Things are going well in Owen. I'm happily surprised that most people are wearing masks now. I'm a little annoyed with a few people who come in without a mask, don't put one on and then grab 3-4 masks from our box on the way out. We haven't insisted on masks yet b/c we are only allowing people into the entryway and we have a shield.

Heidi: Signs that say "must wear masks beyond this point." Have one person who doesn't want to wear one. Keeps having the same conversation. If they are out, they disappear. Reached out to local sewing groups who will make masks for the library. Has a sign that says "Thank you for wearing a mask" on out door.

Erica B: Everything has been fine, and most people were wearing them to begin with. Masks are recycled. Mandate has helped and signage really hasn't changed. Signs with emoji and "Masks please." County has form online where concerns can be reported to the DA.

Dominic: Usage has been the same, and has been better. Still using reminders.

Vicky: Masks required: our sign says. If they can't or won't,, they are offered curbside. No mask, no inside service at Colby.

Schools Starting

- What is the plan for your district/individual schools? (in the classroom, hybrid of classroom and online, online)
- Have you touched base with your school counterparts? Do you know how their space and duties have been affected?
- How could public libraries provide support?

Virginia: Rhinelander doing blended. Looking at materials they can offer parents. They have wi-fi hotspots that people can use. Has not discussed having people in the building for 30 minutes or more.

Teresa: Loyal will run on five-day a week in-person, model. Kids will wear masks and temp checked when they enter. Summer school is ending and kids have been wearing masks. The kids know what they need to do, washing hands and following rules. All students must take home materials every day in case they need to close up shop. Not sure what the local Catholic school is doing or if they plan on visiting the library.

Peggy: School is starting up, but students will have options. Has a feeling that kids could be sent home. What can we do to help the schools?

Loralee: Owen library has been asked to take 2 students at a time on Friday, the school's virtual learning day, so students without home internet can complete assignments.

Kate: Schools planning on reopening in person. What happens if Johnny goes back to first grade and school gets closed and his computer breaks?

Jenny: Guideline is that they have to be 12, that will be in place for kids.

Janay: Neillsville will do a hybrid. Has 2 kids in 2 scenarios. Spoke to librarian at the school and thought about having a meeting and that has to happen still.

Heidi: Hybrid model. Younger grades will be in-person, as well as private school. Staff has been talking about is the book bundles. They will do an online form and deliver bundles to senior center and schools so they don't have to come to the library. STEAM bins have 12-20 items, important for homeschoolers. Purchased educational games this summer and they will catalog those (Jenga games and some are vocabulary). Want to turn teen area into -3 carousels for internet stations for the kids, by appointment only. They have found that because of Digital Divide, they had hard time with homework.

Erica: Approved the plan, 5-day a week. Asked the staff about changes they think they can make at the library. Planning on using Beanstack for Battle of the Books. "Make it" camp will be online virtually this school year. Not sure how having groups of kids in the library can work. Homeschoolers want to create pods as well.

Dominic: Trying to do virtual programming, Antigo will do 4-days a week and then an option for remote learning.