



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
- Staying Together Recording, Discussion, Chat from 9/22

2) Statewide Mask Mandate Extended (from The Wheeler Report)

Gov. Tony Evers declared a new public health emergency in Wisconsin due to the recent surge in cases among young people and issued a new face coverings order effective immediately. Executive Order #90 is available [here](#). Emergency Order #1 is available [here](#). Both orders are effective immediately and will expire after sixty days or with a subsequent superseding order. The governor previously declared a public health emergency under Executive Order #82, which remains in effect. [Read more.](#)

3) DHS: All Wisconsin Counties Have High Levels of COVID-19 Activity (from WPR)

Wisconsin's seven-day average for daily new cases of COVID-19 increased to a new record high, and all 72 of the state's counties were shown to have high levels of COVID-19 activity, in the latest daily update from the state Department of Health Services.

DHS reported 1,762 new cases of the virus Wednesday, the fourth-highest daily total the state has seen since the beginning of the pandemic. Wednesday's numbers bring the average for the past seven days to 1,889 new cases per day — a record high. [Read more.](#)

4) "Staying Together" New Time for Oct. 6

The next Staying Together Discussion is on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 2:30 p.m. Note the change in time. The topic is to be determined.

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>

5) Upcoming Webinar

Join us as we continue the discussion with library leaders on the efforts and strategies around reopening libraries in the time of COVID-19. This free webinar 'Responding when COVID comes to your Library: Learning from Real Stories' will take place Monday, September 28 at 12:00 p.m. CST.

Despite best efforts and planning your library may be faced with the reality of a positive COVID exposure. Hear from three public libraries on how they responded when they were confronted with a positive case situation. How had they pre-planned? How did they handle the challenge? How did the Director and Board work and communicate with staff, health department, government officials, and the public? What tips, lessons learned, and insight do they have?

[Registration for this webinar is open](#) and must be completed ahead of time. This webinar is presented by the Chapter Relations Office and United for Libraries.