



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" 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 will be mental and physical coping. With the uptick in coronavirus cases in Wisconsin, the election less than a month away, and winter weather/shorter daylight hours arriving:

- What concerns do you have about coping with the coronavirus and staying home/indoors?
- What concerns do you have about the aftermath of the election?
- How are you coping physically and mentally with the concerns you have?

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) Governor Briefing Today**

Governor Tony Evers is scheduled to do a COVID-19 media briefing at 1:30 p.m. today. You can [view it live here](#).

**4) Wisconsin Coronavirus News**

- **Wisconsin Suffers Record Number of Deaths (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel)**

Twenty-seven people infected with COVID-19 were reported dead on Wednesday — the most recorded in a single day in Wisconsin since the coronavirus pandemic hit the state six months ago.

The grim milestone came as the state also reported another record number of hospitalizations and 2,300 more people infected with the virus. [Read more](#).

- **Wisconsin COVID-19 Cases Surge, County Health Officials Warn of Widespread Community Spread**

In a Facebook post, the Oneida County Health Department said, “You should assume that you will come in contact with COVID-19 whenever you interact with people outside your household.” That’s how widespread covid-19 activity is right now. Oneida County announced 33 new cases of COVID-19 Wednesday alone. There’s currently 95 active cases. [Read more.](#)

## 5) **Upcoming National Webinars/Events**

- **Managing Student Loan Anxiety and Coping Financially During COVID-19**

Wednesday, October 7, 2020; 1 p.m.

- This free webinar will empower all federal student loan borrowers with an overview of online tools and resources for managing personal student loans during the uncertain times of COVID-19. Attendees will learn about options made available under the CARES Act and strategies for lowering monthly federal student loan payments after COVID-19 stimulus assistance ends. Electronic tools for helping patrons enroll to lower payments and helping public service workers maintain eligibility for student loan forgiveness programs will be discussed. The webinar will conclude with personal stress-management and coping techniques to use when feeling triggered by debt. [Register here.](#)

- **Getting (Through) This Together: A Community-Based Archival Collaboration**

Wednesday, Oct. 7; 1 p.m.

- Document your Story: COVID-19 Pandemic Project Archive brought together three community organizations to collect and preserve material created during COVID-19 from many different perspectives. This project has collected material from a variety of community members, such as local artists, diarists, the local business community, Muncie citizens, and Ball State University students, faculty and staff. In this session, we will discuss the collaboration process, the steps taken to collect material and future plans to create a digital community archive. [Register here.](#) *Funding for this webinar has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan.*

- **Collections and Facilities: Caring for your resources during COVID-19**

Thursday, Oct. 8; 2 p.m.

Amid COVID-19, many archives, libraries, and museums are reopening and expanding access to services in their communities. The challenges of reopening during a pandemic have led to many questions about the handling of materials as well as the management of building operations. From allowing the virus to die naturally, to using disinfectants, to applying UV light or heat treatment-there are many options to consider. Join this 60-minute WebJunction webinar from the REopening Archives, Libraries and Museums (REALM) project to hear how some organizations are implementing policies and procedures around the use of these various treatments and considerations that could inform your own local decisions. You'll also hear an update on REALM testing efforts and the development of project resources. [Register here.](#)

#### **6) Busting Mask Myths One Question at a Time (UW Health)**

Wearing a mask has proven to be one of the best means of protection society has against COVID-19, but with so much misinformation out there, how can the public separate fact from fiction?

UW Health and University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health experts are here to tackle some of those burning questions. [Read more.](#)

