



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) Impact of EO3 on Wisconsin Public Libraries (from WI Libraries blog)**

On Tuesday, October 6, 2020, Governor Tony Evers directed Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to issue [Emergency Order 3](#), limiting public gatherings to no more than 25 percent of a room or building's total occupancy, with some exceptions. The Order is effective at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, until Friday, November 6, 2020.

As Wisconsin public libraries are local government facilities, they may be exempted from the limitations outlined in this order, as indicated in section 2.c.viii. (page 5). However, DPI supports the Governor's position on reducing gatherings and encourages libraries to continue following the safety protocols of mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing and increased cleaning; and limiting in-person services within their facilities.

DLT acknowledges that public libraries are a matter of local control. We encourage you to contact your municipal attorney, county corporate counsel, or independently contracted attorney for advice when interpreting legal issues.

For additional information, please review [frequently asked questions](#), located on the [Governor's official website](#).

**3) Next "Staying Together" Set for Tuesday, Oct. 20**

The next Staying Together Discussion is on **Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m.** 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>

#### **4) Choosing the Right Mask for You**

No matter how much COVID-19 has affected life here in Wisconsin and beyond, UW–Madison’s faculty, staff, and students continue to find ways to help the wider world. Staff and students at the College of Engineering have produced a new video to show the most effective way to wear a mask. The UW has partnered with state and federal agencies to share testing data so that government leaders will have a better idea of how coronavirus spreads. [Watch the video.](#)

- Whether homemade or commercially manufactured, breathable cloth and disposable face masks fit everybody differently, leaving gaps at the top, sides, bottom—or any combination thereof—that could allow virus particles to escape.

Now, a team of University of Wisconsin–Madison engineers has developed a simple and inexpensive do-it-yourself fitter that ensures a tighter mask seal around the wearer’s nose, mouth and face. [Read more.](#)