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**Things to consider before reopening**

1. Check with your local County Health Department and get their opinion. Before you should even consider doing curbside service, make sure you have everything you need with regarding to PPE and cleaning supplies to protect staff and patrons.  You might want to look at this helpful resource developed by our colleagues at the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) regarding initiation of curbside services:  <https://www.railslibraries.info/issues/178451>
2. Here is a map by the Illinois Department of Public Health that shows activity for the virus across the state.(<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>). Things to remember as you look at this map is that the information changes so check it frequently. Also since there is a shortage of testing there may be cases that are undiagnosed or unreported.
3. As to legality, you might want to look at this part of our COVID-19 website:  <https://www.illinoisheartland.org/covid19/government-mandates>.  In the 1st paragraph, under April it outlines guidelines from the governor’s office regarding libraries and which agencies are regarded as essential services.
4. Keep looking at the COVID-19 resources that are out there for libraries.
   1. Illinois Heartland Library System:  <https://www.illinoisheartland.org/covid19>
   2. Illinois Library Association:
      1. Coronavirus Resources:  <https://www.ila.org/advocacy/coronavirus-resources>
      2. Bigger Than a Building Campaign:  <https://www.ila.org/advocacy/bigger-than-a-building>
   3. Reaching Across Illinois Library System:  <https://www.railslibraries.info/issues/178451>

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1. Contact the Illinois Heartland Library System with your concerns. If we do not have the answer but we will help you find them. Do not hesitate to reach out:

* **SHARE** (Online Catalog) Cassandra Thompson ([cthompson@illinoisheartland.org](mailto:cthompson@illinoisheartland.org))
* **Delivery:** Susan Palmer ([spalmer@illinoisheartland.org](mailto:spalmer@illinoisheartland.org))
* **Membership** (Questions that aren’t about the specific workings of your online catalog or delivery) contact Anna Yackle ([ayackle@illinoisheartland.org](mailto:ayackle@illinoisheartland.org)) or Ellen Popit
* ([epopit@illinoisheartland.org](mailto:epopit@illinoisheartland.org))
* **IHLS Administration:** Leslie Bednar ([lbednar@illinoisheartland.org](mailto:lbednar@illinoisheartland.org)) orEllen Popit
* ([epopit@illinoisheartland.org](mailto:epopit@illinoisheartland.org))

**Articles**

* **Why the Coronavirus Is So Confusing**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/04/pandemic-confusing-uncertainty/610819/?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20200505&instance_id=18228&nl=the-morning&regi_id=106800856&segment_id=26626&te=1&user_id=0282b9f8836a0649111656f7e546c0b1>

* **Three Potential Futures for Covid-19: Recurring Small Outbreaks, a Monster Wave, or a Persistent Crisis**

<https://www.statnews.com/2020/05/01/three-potential-futures-for-covid-19/?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20200505&instance_id=18228&nl=the-morning&regi_id=106800856&segment_id=26626&te=1&user_id=0282b9f8836a0649111656f7e546c0b1> Quote from article: And which scenario is most likely? Osterholm isn’t sure. “This virus is on its own time schedule,” he said. “But we will have some tough months ahead.”

* **Why Summer Likely Won’t Save Us from the Coronavirus**

<https://www.vox.com/2020/4/29/21231906/coronavirus-pandemic-summer-weather-heat-humidity-uv-light>

* **The End of the Beginning Seattle Braces for the Next Phase of the Coronavirus Fight**

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/dispatch/the-end-of-the-beginning-seattle-braces-for-the-next-phase-of-the-coronavirus-fight>

* **Coronavrius: A Visual Guide to the Economic Impact**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-51706225>

* **Reopening Libraries: Not “When?” but “How?”**

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/covid-19-reopening-libraries-not-when-but-how/>

* **COVID-19 and the Global Library Field**

<https://www.ifla.org/covid-19-and-libraries>

* **The New Normal Agenda for Librarianship**

<https://davidlankes.org/the-new-normal-agenda-for-librarianship>

**Graphs**

**U.S. deaths from wars, epidemics, attacks and disasters**

Pearl Harbor 2,400

9/11 terrorist attacks 3,000

1906 San Francisco earthquake 3,000

1900 Galveston hurricane 8,000

Korean War 36,600

Vietnam War 58,200

COVID-19 64,500

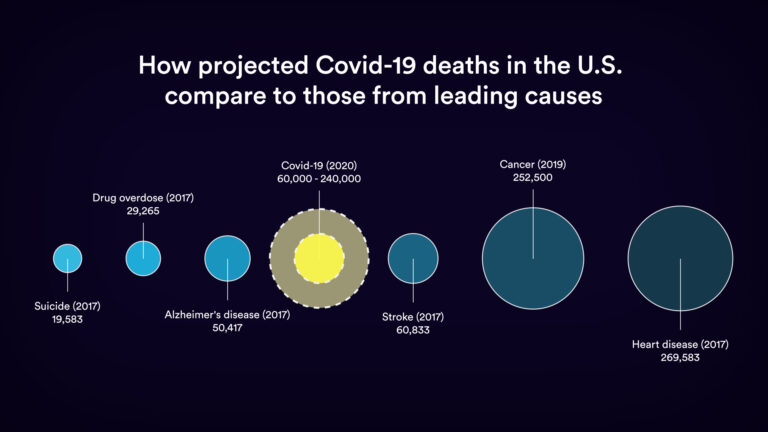
World War I 116,500

World War II 405,500

Spanish flu 675,000

Numbers rounded. Times reporting by Scott Wilson.

[National Park Service, National Archives, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Johns Hopkins University, Congressional Research Service](https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/2AP56/5/)



COVID-19 is now killing more Americans weekly than heart disease or cancer did on average per week in 2018.