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**[Directors Only] REALM Study and RAILS Quarantine Recommendations**4 messages

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Mon, Jun 22, 2020 at 11:21 AM

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Cc: Monica Harris &lt;monica.harris@railslibraries.info&gt;

Hello Directors,

As you may have already seen, this morning the REALM project released the Round 1 Test Results (<https://www.webjunction.org/content/dam/WebJunction/Documents/webJunction/realm/test1-report.pdf>) which note the following:

*“Results show that the SARS-CoV-2 virus was not detectable on the materials after three days of quarantine. The evaluation demonstrates that standard office temperature and relative humidity conditions typically achievable by any air-conditioned office space provide an environment that allows for the natural attenuation of SARS-CoV-2 present on these common materials after three days of quarantine.”*

Given this round of results, RAILS is updating its materials quarantine recommendation and delivery guidelines to three days in accordance with the REALM study. Changes to a recommended three-day quarantine are reflected on documents posted on the RAILS PULSE page on COVID-19.

Thanks to you all for your attention to these changes and your patience as we awaited the results of this study. If you are interested in further updates to the REALM project and future rounds of this project, you can also sign up to receive email updates here: [https://www.oclc.org/content/oclc-forms/en\\_us/realm-updates.html](https://www.oclc.org/content/oclc-forms/en_us/realm-updates.html)

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REALM project first round of test results are out and RAILS is reducing the required quarantine from 7 days to 3 days!

FTR - we just found this out, so give us a few minutes to figure out what this means to us.

Bcc: Board of Library Trustees

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Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 4:25 PM

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Hi Monica,

Could you help me interpret the results of Round 1 a little? I get the 3 days for books and dvds, and we're planning to reduce our quarantine on those.

Am I correct in seeing that paper is clear after 1 day? We have a number of regular newspaper users, and it will help me know whether I can give them day-old papers, or if we need to just check out each day's paper to whoever manages to grab it first and let them have several weeks to really enjoy it...

Thanks!

Emily

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Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 9:13 AM

Hello Emily,

REALM will continue to test a variety of materials and item types, and issue guidance. At RAILS, we're not able to interpret results but we do know individual libraries may be comfortable reducing quarantine on certain item types (like newspaper) based on these results.

I'd definitely encourage you to continue to monitor REALM for additional material types in subsequent rounds and make the best decisions for your community. RAILS will continue to require the three day quarantine on items heading in to delivery.

Happy to chat more about this one on one as well if that's easier!

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