
CDC guidelines & masking requirements at SMRLD

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With the new CDC guidelines regarding mask requirements for those who are **fully vaccinated** and those who are not, there are some changes in SMRLD staff protocols.

Following CDC guidelines:

SMRLD staff who are fully vaccinated:

- * No longer have to follow the previously established Exposure protocols regarding COVID-19 and no longer have to report daily on the COVID-19 Self-Monitoring Form
- * Have the option to either wear or not wear masks in **non-public** library areas

SMRLD staff who are **not** fully vaccinated:

- * Must continue to follow COVID-19 Exposure protocols established for SMRLD and daily monitor symptoms and report those on the COVID-19 Self-Monitoring Form
- * Must isolate, quarantine, and be tested under the circumstances outlined on the SMRLD "What Should I Do" flowchart (see attached)
- * Must continue to wear proper face masks covering both the nose and mouth at all times in all areas in the libraries

ALL SMRLD staff:

- * Must continue to wear masks (over both nose and mouth) when in public spaces
- * Must continue to stay home when sick

For now, we are continuing to require the public to wear masks while in the library. That can change at any time.

The Governor hasn't yet revised Executive Orders, but apparently intends to do that. His current Executive Order that covers masks expires May 29th.


The Library Board has the full legal authority to establish rules [75 ILCS 16/30-55.5]. We **can** continue to enforce the **specific rules** to maintain safe behavioral practices that the board approved last year. The managers and I are monitoring this issue and continue to discuss how best to deal with it. You will receive emails from me as things change.

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