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CDC guidelines & masking requirements at SMRLD

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To clarify:

A public area is anywhere we interact with the public - at the service desks, in the stacks, on an elevator, at the front door, anywhere in the public space. When the library is open and the public is at the library ALL staff are to wear a proper mask over their nose and mouth in public areas and public view - this includes at a desk behind plexiglass - that is still a public area. Public Services desks are public both in front and behind plexiglass. If you are at a public service desk you must wear a mask over your nose and mouth. Staff must wear a mask at all times in public view.

A non-public area is a behind-the-scene area where ONLY staff can go AND cannot be seen by the public - most non-public areas are behind solid doors.

At tomorrow's managers' meeting, we will be discussing masking requirements of the public in library buildings. Currently, all customers/public visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask over their nose and mouth - that has not yet changed in the libraries. If and when that does change you will be notified.

The only changes we have instituted at this time are whether or not staff must wear masks in non-public areas and daily health monitoring reporting - and that depends on vaccination status. **Any staff member that is not fully vaccinated must wear a mask over their nose and mouth at all times when in the libraries; the unvaccinated must also continue to follow staff health monitoring protocols.**

And, yes, if you are fully vaccinated and the library is closed to the public you do not have to wear a mask. But the minute the library is open to the public or non-staff people are in the libraries, all staff must wear a mask in public view / public areas.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
Tina

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