

Infectious Illness Policy

Policy Statement

The safety of Library patrons, volunteers, vendors, and staff are our top priority. This policy was created to protect the health of all who use or are otherwise involved with Van Buren District Library. This Infectious Illness Policy, and the provisions therein, take precedence over any and all other current Library policies and procedures with which it may conflict.

Regulations

1. The library will observe the following safety measures:
 - A. Library staff, volunteers, vendors, and patrons who are experiencing a fever may not enter any library facility for any reason.
 - i. Library staff, volunteers, vendors, and patrons who have recently experienced a fever may return to the library 24 hours after the fever has resolved without the use of fever reducing medication(s) and;
 - ii. Any other symptoms are improving overall.
 - B. At library management's discretion, staff exhibiting symptoms of a respiratory illness may be sent home until symptoms have started to resolve.
2. General Mask Guidelines
While not required, mask usage for staff, patrons, volunteers, and vendors who have recently experienced an infectious illness, or have been exposed to an individual currently experiencing an infectious illness, is recommended for five days after the onset of symptoms, or for five days after exposure.
2. Right of Appeal
Patrons may appeal a decision to limit or suspend privileges or the conditions placed on reinstatement by sending a written appeal to the Library Board within ten (10) business days of the date of the decision. The appeal should be sent to the Chair of the Library Board. The decision of the Library Board is final.

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