

## **Social Distancing Policy**

Approved by the ECRL Board 6/8/20

East Central Regional Library takes seriously its responsibility to protect staff and its role in helping to protect communities from the Coronavirus that causes COVID-19. To that end, ECRL has enacted the following policy for all citizens entering an ECRL run facility including branch libraries, outreach sites and other locations in which ECRL may provide library services.

Minors ages 10 and under are asked to not visit while social distancing is in place unless accompanied by a responsible adult.

While visiting, for the safety of our staff and your community, you MUST:

- visit the library only if you are healthy. Anyone exhibiting obvious signs of illness will be asked to leave
- maintain a social distance of 6ft from staff and people not in your group
- wear a mask while in the building
- adhere to staff directions
- adhere to posted occupancy limits

We **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** you to:

- limit the duration of your visit
- visit in groups of two or less if possible
- limit visits with children if they are unable to understand social distancing

Please continue to help limit the spread of COVID-19 by

- Frequently washing your hands and utilizing available hand sanitizer
- Cleaning shared surfaces like computer keyboards, mice, copy machines before and after you use them

We have taken the following precautions for your safety:

- All staff will be wearing a mask while working with the public
- Returned materials are being quarantined for 72 hrs prior to checkin
- Routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces

ECRL recognizes that local municipalities (cities or counties) may enact policies that are stricter than this policy and as a partner with those municipalities will enforce stricter policies in locations where they differ from this policy.

Individuals not abiding by this policy will be asked to leave for the day. Repeated violations of this policy may result in temporary suspension of visiting privileges. Suspension of visiting privileges will be handled in the same manner as outlined in the ECRL Acceptable Behavior Policy.

ECRL may, at its sole discretion, temporarily close library facilities if patrons are not abiding by these safety measures or ignoring staff directions related to social distancing precautions.

