Pandemic Policy

The Pandemic Policy is for the protection of all library patrons and staff while ensuring the library's space remains clear of any potential pandemic threats. If at any time there is a belief of compromise or exposure within the facility, a closure may be declared. This policy expresses the roles and responsibilities of patrons and staff.

Roles and Responsibilities of Staff

Library staff will explain the policy information to all patrons and request that all patrons conduct themselves accordingly. Library staff will deal with policy violations on a case-by-case basis. When necessary, Library staff may seek assistance from Payette County Sheriff's Department.

Library staff will enforce these policies within our building at all times while working to ensure library spaces remain safe, clean, and welcoming to all.

Library staff will offer alternative check-out options, such as curbside delivery, to support patrons who are unable to enter the library during a pandemic.

Roles and Responsibilities of Patrons

Library patrons have a personal responsibility to ensure the library remains safe, clean, and welcoming to all. Patrons will be expected to conduct themselves accordingly.

When visiting the library during a pandemic, patrons are expected to wear a mask at all times, use hand sanitizer when entering the facility, practice social distancing of 6 feet or more, and be courteous of others within the narrow hallways and bookshelves.

Library patrons are also expected to adhere to the rule of five people in the library at one time.

Examples of Policy Violations

The following examples are provided in this pandemic policy as a way to illustrate ways in which a patron's conduct would violate the responsibilities defined

therein. The examples are intended to guide staff decision-making. It does not presume to be a complete list.

- Refusing to wear masks, use hand sanitizer, or practice social distancing and still trying to enter the facility.
- Demonstrating behavior that is abusive, bullying, intimidating, or disrespectful.
- Entering the library with contagions and sicknesses that could infect the staff and patrons.