

**Subject:                   Face Coverings**

**Purpose:**

To protect the health of the library users, staff, and the Montgomery and Floyd County communities during public health emergencies by requiring face coverings to prevent spread of infectious diseases.

**Policy:**

**Beginning May 15, 2021, fully-vaccinated persons are not required to wear masks or other face coverings in Montgomery-Floyd Regional Libraries, in compliance with Virginia Executive Order #72, revised.**

All other patrons aged ten and over shall cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, or facemask, as described and recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control, when inside library facilities. No face coverings should ever be used on children under the age of two. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to make their best effort to get children aged 3 to 9 to use facemasks.

The requirement to wear a face covering does not apply while eating or drinking; to persons who are experiencing trouble breathing, or are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance; to persons seeking to communicate with the deaf or hard-of-hearing; when temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to secure government or medical services; or to persons with health and/or cognitive or developmental conditions that prohibit wearing a face covering. Nothing in this policy shall require the use of a facemask by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition.

Any person who declines to wear a face covering because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition, nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

This policy may be enforced by library staff, or by public health or law enforcement authorities, as specified in state or local law, ordinance, or regulation. Any patron who fails to wear a facemask as required may be asked to immediately leave the building and/or grounds. Any person who is asked to leave the library and refuses to do so shall be considered to be trespassing and may be reported to the police/sheriff.

This policy may be designated to be in effect during public health emergencies as required or recommended by the CDC, the Virginia Department of Health, or other public health or government authorities. The Library Board of Trustees will invoke this policy and/or revoke this policy, by vote, in scheduled or emergency public meetings.

**Attachments:** None

**References:** None

- Policy 115 - Patron Behavior
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- United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People*. Washington, D.C: Centers for Disease Control. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>, May 13, 2021.
- Virginia, Office of the Governor. *Further Easing of Commonsense Surge Restrictions Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Seventh Amended Number Seventy-Two (2021) and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine*. Richmond, Va.: Office of the Governor. <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions/>, May 15, 2021.

**Approval:**

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees

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Date



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