

Updated November 18th, 2020

Public Safety Measures in Effect for Covid-19 Salt Spring Island Public Library

- Signage reminders to staff (and volunteers) about masking requirements in tight spaces, including bathrooms, corridors and stairways.
- Masks are worn by all public-facing volunteers, anyone working closer than 2 metres apart.
- Signage indicates that patrons are expected to wear masks in our public space.
- Sanitizing stations or pumps are present at all entry/exits.
- Added cleaning and sanitizing supplies are available to volunteers and staff to use as needed and in addition to our already heightened cleaning.
- Separate staff (and volunteer) and patron entrances and exits, to limit unintentional congestion or proximity at entrances.
- Masks available to the public by request.
- Only those in private work spaces, or those eating, may not be wearing masks.
- We have a limit of 30 patrons in our library at one time and a limit of 60 people in total, and social distancing is required at all times.
- Patrons have socially distanced seating provided and are limited to visits of 1 hour in length.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols are also in effect. Bathroom knobs and door touch surfaces are cleaned mid-day, and again post-closure.
- Plexiglass safety barriers at public-facing counters.
- Defined waiting areas are marked with floor stickers and tape.
- Returned and donated materials are quarantined for 24 hours.
- Library equipment has been upgraded, including touchless payment and checkout operations.
- Signage requires patrons exhibiting symptoms to stay home.
- Staff and volunteers are required to stay home if they have any symptoms of being sick.
- Online program offerings have replaced events usually held in the Community Program Room.
- Program room use is now limited only to meetings consisting of 12 people or less. Furniture is placed to ensure appropriate social distancing.