

Updated April 28, 2021

Library Opening in Phase 4.5
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 the lunch room, bathrooms, corridors and stairways.
- 30-minute visit-length limit for patrons and computer use. Computer keyboards also have removable covers for safety.
- 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, and social distance at all times.
- 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.
- Staff and volunteer health check sign-in, daily.
- Masks available to the public by request.
- Only those in private work spaces, or those eating, may not be wearing masks.
- Limit of 30 patrons in our library at one time; Limit of 60 people in total.
- Patrons have socially distanced seating provided and are limited to visits of 30 minutes in length.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols are 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.
- 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 therein is placed to ensure appropriate social distancing, and to discourage unmonitored use.