

PATTERSON LIBRARY

SAFE PRACTICES

To continue to serve our patrons during periods of public health emergencies or a declared pandemic or epidemic, the Patterson Library Board of Trustees has adopted the following Safe Practices Policy. The intention of this policy is to comply with all rules and regulations established by New York State, Putnam County, and the Town of Patterson during periods of public health emergencies or a declared pandemic or epidemic. Therefore, the practices in this Policy may be further modified as needed to conform with changing guidelines. These rules will be prominently displayed at all library entrances.

Adherence to these practices shall be enforced as a requirement of the Library's Code of Conduct until such time as the public health emergency or pandemic or epidemic is revoked.

Safety Measures

Masks

- All patrons visiting the library or its grounds will be required to wear face masks. Masks must cover nose and mouth and be worn continuously while on library property. Masks with exhale valves that protect the wearer but not others are not permitted.

Computer Usage

- The library may restrict the number of computers available for patron use, limit the amount of time patrons may spend on public computers, or set forth other requirements for use.

In addition, library staff is empowered to insist that any patron engaging in the following behaviors leave the library or its grounds:

- Exhibiting a lack of hygiene that could promote the transmission of an infectious disease. For example, but not limited to, not shielding coughs or sneezes.
- Refusing to maintain a safe distance of 6' from other patrons not within their own living unit, or from staff members.

ADA Considerations

- In the event a patron has a medical condition that prevents the wearing of a mask, the patron can contact the library director prior to visiting the library to explore a reasonable accommodation.

Concerns about this policy should be directed to the director of the library.