

BETHEL PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

POLICY NUMBER: 119

TITLE: COVID-19 and Public Service

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PURPOSE: To comply with the recommendations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control during the COVID-19 pandemic, the library has developed the following policy for providing in-person library services.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

1. Recommendations/orders from the Centers for Disease Control, the Allegheny County Health Department, and/or the Governor of Pennsylvania will be followed when available.
2. In the absence of above recommendations/orders, the Library will use the Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard from the Pennsylvania Department of Health available at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx>.
3. If the PCR percent positivity rate over the most recent seven (7) days for Allegheny County reaches 10% or greater, which is defined by the Center for Disease Control as an active epidemic, the Library will cease providing in-person services and begin curbside pick-up only. Hours of curbside pick-up will be determined by the Library Director.
4. In-person services will resume when the PCR percent positivity rate over the most recent seven (7) days for Allegheny County returns to “moderate” risk, defined by the Centers for Disease Control as between 5 – <8% PCR percent positivity rate.
5. This policy may be revised as new information regarding the transmission and treatment of COVID-19 become available.