Northport-East Northport Public Library

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COVID-19 SAFETY POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The following rules and procedures are enacted as a supplement to the Library's existing Maintenance of Public Order Policy which governs the conduct of patrons in the Library pursuant to Education Law § 262.

The purpose of this Policy is to set forth the Library rules and procedures enacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the ensuing State of Emergency that began March 7, 2020. This Policy is designed to increase the level of safety for both patrons and staff.

II. USE OF MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

All patrons over the age of two shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a cloth mask when in the Library buildings.

Patrons who refuse to properly wear a cloth mask will be asked to leave the Library buildings. Patrons who do not have a cloth mask will be offered one.

III. SOCIAL DISTANCING

Pursuant to the guidance of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Library expects all patrons who are not part of the same family/group to practice adequate social distancing. The CDC recommends at least six feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people. The Library Policy is to enforce the same. The Library has also taken the following steps to allow for better social distancing:

- Security will be at the main entrance to monitor the number of people entering the building;
- Plexiglas has been installed at public service desks, reading room tables, and computer stations;
- Furniture has been re-arranged and seating capacity has been reduced;
- Time spent by patrons in the library will be limited.

IV. HEALTH

As with our staff, the Library expects that patrons **<u>will not</u>** enter the Library if they are sick or if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or if they have tested positive for COVID-19 and have not yet received a follow-up negative COVID-19 test, or if they are under quarantine orders.