

**MIDLOTHIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
TEMPORARY AMENDMENTS TO PATRON BEHAVIOR POLICY
FOR THE COVID-19 CRISIS**

I. PURPOSE

In order to mitigate the risk of the spread of the Coronavirus, Midlothian Public Library implements the following temporary amendments to the Library's Patron Behavior policy. These amendments will remain in effect as long as CDC guidelines or state or county mandates advise or require masking as a COVID-19 mitigation strategy.

II. RULES OF CONDUCT

- A. Face coverings will be required of patrons over the age of 2 at all times. Patrons who inform staff that they have a medical condition or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering will be offered reasonable accommodations to receive equivalent services by curbside delivery.
1. A face covering must cover both nose and mouth
 2. A face covering must fit snugly against the face and be secured under the chin.
 3. A face covering must not have holes.
 4. A face shield is not a substitute for a face covering.
- B. Library patrons will be expected to make a good faith effort to keep a distance of at least 6 feet from library staff and library patrons while inside the library. Patrons will be expected to follow floor markings and other signage placed for the purpose of regulating social distancing.
- C. Patrons may not eat or drink in the building.

III. UNATTENDED CHILDREN

- A. Children under the age of 12 may not be left alone in the library and must have adequate supervision from a responsible caregiver.
- B. A responsible caregiver is an adult age 18 or older, who assumes full responsibility for the safety and behavior of those in their care.

All other provisions of the Library's standard Patron Behavior Policy remain in effect.

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