

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information & Resources for the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library

The outbreak of the COVID-19, the disease caused by the Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), raises many concerns for the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library. We see hundreds of people every day and feel responsible for their well-being. Simultaneously we are concerned about our health and the health of our coworkers. We are constantly monitoring the status of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Suffolk County.

Below are some guidelines for staff and patrons, as well as some resources for further information.

What We're Doing at the Library

- + At the end of each desk shift, staff members will wipe down hard surfaces.
- + Facilities staff will wipe down all hard surfaces on a regular basis, including surfaces in meeting and study rooms.
- + When possible, library cards will be scanned in the patron's hands.
- + Members of the public and staff are encouraged to stay home if they are sick.
- + Returned devices will also be wiped down upon return.
- + We will only serve pre-packaged food.
- + Toys will be removed from public spaces for cleaning.
- + All surfaces will be wiped down with disinfectant before and after programs.
- + Staff will wash hands before/after all programs and desk shifts, and before/after using library equipment.

What Can You Do as a Patron?

- + If you are sick, stay home.
- + If you are using our meeting room space, make sure that all those who attend are well.
- + Cough into a tissue or into the bend of your arm.
- + Do not handle food or snacks for others.
- + Limit physical touching.
- + Wash your hands regularly after using public computers and borrowing material.
- + Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose.
- + Spread the word, and remind friends and family that the library is a trusted source for accurate information.

We will be following the state, city, and school district's lead. If this means canceling programs, limiting hours, or closing, we are prepared to do that. These decisions are all made at a board and administrative level, and we are having ongoing discussions.

Resources

[World Health Organization](#)

[US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[New York State Health Department](#)

[US National Library of Medicine](#)

[Medline Plus](#)

[NPR Article: What Kids Want To Know About Coronavirus](#)

New York State Novel Coronavirus Hotline: (888) 364-3065