

MFP Library Health and Safety Policy

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, it is the temporary policy of this library to require the following, overriding other approved policies:

MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ENTER AND REMAIN ON PREMISES. All persons over ages 3 and up, including employees, customers, visitors, invitees and contractors (“Patrons”), who enter this business must wear a mask. **Masks must cover the nose and mouth** and fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face. Masks not designed to be protective, masks with ventilation valves, and face shields do not meet the requirement.

Medical exception or vaccine cards are not accepted to bypass the mask requirement.

Please use our drive up services rather than entering the building if covering the nose and mouth poses a significant mental or physical health risk to the individual, such as anyone who has trouble breathing or other medical issues.

SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS. Even with the use of appropriate face coverings, individuals should **maintain six feet of social distancing whenever possible.**

- Employees should not work within six (6) feet of one another, except to the extent necessary to provide services;
- Patrons should maintain six (6) feet of separation from other individuals outside their household, to the extent feasible when inside the business premises.
- Patrons of the library queuing or waiting inside or on the premises of the business must maintain six (6) feet of separation from other individuals outside their household.

VIOLATIONS. Patrons who do not wear a face covering will be asked to leave the premises, and will not be provided goods or services until the face covering requirements are followed.

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Implemented by the Library Director, per Bulverde Area Rural Library District Public Policy, page 1: *Under extenuating circumstances (e.g, to protect the health and safety of library staff and patrons), the Library Director may temporarily override, change, or disregard any of the policies included in this document.*