

# Juneau Public Libraries have reopened

Juneau Public Libraries have reopened with modified days of operation. Mendenhall Valley Public Library is open Wednesday to Saturday each week, and starting today, May 31, the Downtown and Douglas Public Libraries are open Sunday to Wednesday. The modified schedule is part of the Juneau Public Libraries' COVID-19 Mitigation Plan, which hopes to protect the health of library patrons and staff while resuming library services.

Here are some guidelines for this phase of reopening:

- Employees will wear face coverings while serving the public.
- Members of the public are required to wear face coverings. Cloth face coverings should not be worn by children under age 2.
- Social distancing of at least six feet should be maintained between individuals and household groups.
- The public should return library materials to the exterior book returns at any library.
- No in-person library programs will occur.
- The large meeting rooms at each location and the Teen room at the Valley library will be closed.
- The smaller study rooms will be limited to 2 people per room and the Valley conference room will be limited to 4 people.
- No member of the public displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may be present in the library; signage reflecting this will be posted outside of the library. No employee displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may come to work.
- Employees will wash their hands frequently and members of the public are encouraged to do the same using the public and/or family restrooms. Hand sanitizer will be available for staff and patrons at public service desks.
- High touch surfaces will be sanitized at least daily. Interior doors will be propped open to minimize high touch contact opportunities.

To promote proper social distancing, the libraries have limited and rearranged computer stations and furniture, installed plastic "sneeze guards" at customer service counters, and installed floor markings to indicate where library patrons should stand while waiting for the next available library staff member.

As CBJ's response to COVID-19 changes over time, these guidelines and protocols may change accordingly. CBJ appreciates the public's assistance and patience as the libraries adapt.



## Containing COVID-19: Stay diligent, stay healthy

As Juneau and the rest of the state reopens, it's important that we keep practicing the health measures we've all learned in recent weeks and months. Let's keep doing all the things that have helped flatten the curve in Juneau:

- Stay six feet or more away from non-family members.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Stay home if you are sick and get tested for COVID-19 if you feel even mildly ill with symptoms like fatigue, cough, fever, or a decreased sense of taste or smell. Call Juneau's COVID-19 Screening Hotline at 586-6000, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

All businesses should assist individuals with personal mitigation strategies, including opportunities for frequent hand washing; opportunities for 6-foot distancing between all non-family members; encourage face covering/masks; and special accommodations for those at higher risk to help minimize their risk.

For detailed information on COVID-19 in Juneau, the City and Borough of Juneau's Emergency Operations Center provides daily updates on its local response to the pandemic. Go to [juneau.org/covid19](http://juneau.org/covid19) and select "COVID-19 Emergency Ops Center Updates" from the dropdown menu.

**Even if you don't feel sick, you could spread COVID-19 to others. Wearing a mask protects other people in case you're infected. Their mask protects you.**

# to MASK? OR NOT TO MASK?

ARE YOU IN PUBLIC AROUND OTHER PEOPLE AND CAN'T MAINTAIN A 6-10' DISTANCE?

WEAR A MASK!



ARE YOU 6-10' FROM OTHERS?

TAKE A BREAK!

ARE YOU WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

TAKE A BREAK!



Some examples of when it's generally OK to have a mask on hand but not necessarily wearing one:

At the beach when 6-10' apart from non-household members

On your boat fishing with members of your household

During a zoom call!

When driving by yourself

On a trail when you can maintain 6-10' away from non-household members

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [JUNEAU.ORG/COVID-19](http://JUNEAU.ORG/COVID-19).**