

## Face Mask or Face Covering Mandate Policy

All Azalea Regional Library System locations are requiring face masks or appropriate face coverings and social distancing at a distance of at least six feet apart for all employees and visitors. Social distancing requirements apply to visitors in a library building at the same time who do not reside in the same household or place of residence.

All are required to wear face masks or face coverings that cover both the nose and mouth at all times while visiting a library facility. Employees are also required to wear a face mask or face coverings if they are operating a shared company vehicle or working in a common work area.

In the interest of safety for library visitors, employees, and the community, and upon recommendation by the CDC, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and other health organizations, effective immediately, and until further notice,

- Library patrons, age two (2) years and above, will be required to wear a face mask or face covering to enter a library building.
- The face mask or face covering must be worn at all times while in a library building.
- Removal of a face mask or face covering while in a library building will result in a warning by a library employee. Repeated removal of the face mask or face covering may result in expulsion from a library building or denial of future entry into a library building.
- If a visitor refuses to wear a face mask or face covering for personal reasons, they will be denied entry into a library building. However, the visitor will be allowed to utilize alternative services such as telephone reference, curbside service, digital resource offerings, and the ability to connect to free WiFi via a member library parking lot.
- If a visitor is unable to wear a face mask or face covering for medical reasons, they will be encouraged to use the above mentioned alternative services. If a visitor must utilize the library, they will be encouraged to wear a scarf, loose face covering, or full face shield instead of a face mask. If they cannot wear an alternative face covering or face shield, they will be permitted entry but designated to a specific area which staff will heavily sanitize and quarantine off after the visitor has left the building.