

Red Hook Public Library

Covid-19 Revised Safety Protocol

June 17, 2021

This policy, intended for the period of recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, supersedes previous Covid-19 policies and plans. As of the adoption of this policy, state health department recommendations are:

Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear masks or maintain social distance. Unvaccinated individuals need to take the responsibility to wear a mask and maintain safe social distance.

The Board and its staff maintain the right to set rules necessary for the safety of staff and patrons that are most appropriate for its own unique facility and the way it is used. Those people not willing to comply with Library rules are invited to call the Director to find out how to use library services remotely.

The following rules will apply as we recover from the pandemic:

- Cleaning will return to a normal schedule, without required daily disinfection.
- Daily health screening of staff will discontinue.
- Voluntary tracking of patrons will stop.
- Numbers of people in the Library or in programs is limited only by practical capacity.
- The library reserves the right to require masks and/or social distancing at indoor programs or other gatherings it sponsors if it is deemed safer.
- The use of properly fitting masks which cover nose and mouth will continue to be required inside the Children's Library. This will remain in place until there is sufficient evidence of minimal risk to our youngest patrons, until vaccines are available for children aged 2+, or until the State health authorities change their advice for school-aged children indoors.
- The library reserves the right to reinstate mask and other safety mandates in any part of its facilities or at its programs should the local infection rate worsen, even after the requirement has been lifted.