HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY Patron Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Building Access Policy

Due to the Public Health emergency caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and requirements put in place by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Barry-Eaton District Health Department, the Hastings Public Library (the "Library"), has enacted policies to help keep patrons and staff safe.

Patrons aged 5 and up wishing to enter the Library are required to wear a mask or face covering, and practice appropriate social distancing (see Social Distancing Policy for additional detail).

"Face covering" can include any material worn on or over the face that provides a barrier from the top of the bridge of the nose to the chin. Masks, face shields, and cloth covering the nose and mouth (such as that worn for religious reasons) are all acceptable. Coverings available, but not worn (masks around the neck, or partially covering nose/mouth) are not compliant with this policy.

Masks or face coverings are still required regardless of whether or not a patron has received a COVID-19 vaccination.

If a patron is unable to comply with the policy, they are asked to speak to staff at a building entrance, who will provide necessary accommodations.

This policy, as with other patron behavior policies, will be enforced in the manner described in the Patron Code of Conduct, available on the Library's website and in hard-copy at a service desk.

Patrons refusing to comply with this policy may be asked to exit the library.

This policy is in effect whenever PPE is required by Executive Order, MDHHS directive or other lawful directive.

Patrons with questions regarding this policy are asked to contact the Library Director.