



Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library

# Press Release

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### **Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library To Require Face Masks**

As the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 have increased throughout Lake County and in our local communities, Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library will now be requiring all patrons to wear face masks at all times when they are in any of WEPL's four Libraries. The new policy will go in to effect Monday, July 20, 2020 when the Libraries open to the public.

Library staff will be enforcing the new procedure as patrons enter the buildings. If you do not have a face mask upon arriving, the Library will be happy to provide you with one, as long as supplies are available. If a patron chooses not to wear a mask, the Library will provide Curbside Service for the check-out of materials.

Eric Linderman, WEPL's Deputy Director, said, "Because the health of Library patrons and staff is our highest priority, we have required Library staff to wear face masks since we reopened to the public in June. We are instituting the patron face mask requirement to comply with Governor DeWine's call for a more intensive response to the spread of COVID-19."

### **Willoughby-Eastlake Library Public Health Procedures:**

1. All patrons will be required to wear face masks.
2. No children under age 15 allowed in the Libraries without an accompanying adult 18 years or older.
3. No food or drink may be brought in by patrons.
4. Patrons will be asked to observe 6-foot social distancing requirements.
5. The meeting rooms and study rooms are closed to use.
6. No videogaming will be permitted.
7. All returns must be made using the book drops located outside each Library.

Any patron who does not comply with these guidelines will be asked to leave the library immediately.

For more information regarding library services, hours and resources available, please visit our website at [www.WE247.org](http://www.WE247.org).

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