

<b>SPRINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>			
<b>Policies and Procedures</b>			
<b>SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC DURING PUBLIC HEALTH CRISES</b>			
<b>Affects:</b> <b>All Functions</b>	<b>Effective Date:</b> <b>July 21, 2020</b>	<b>Review Date:</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Signature:</b> <b>Name:</b> <b>Title: Board President</b>			

**A. Purpose**

This policy establishes the course of action which will be taken by the Library Board and staff in determining the ways in which the Library will serve the public during times of public health crises.

**B. Policy**

Days and hours of operation will be determined by the Library Board with the specific intent of maintaining the health of the public and staff.

The Library Board may choose to follow guidelines established by the Arkansas Department of Health, the National Center for Disease Control, the Governor of the State of Arkansas, or the Mayor of the City of Springdale. In situations where specific library concerns have not been addressed by the above, the Board may choose to implement policy at its discretion.

In addressing the specifics of the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020, the Library Board has chosen to close the Library, beginning March 16 and to set a reopening date when the infection rate in Springdale has subsided. During the closed period, library staff will wear masks in the facility and practice social distancing. Any services offered to the public, such as Curbside Service, will be conducted with the staff wearing masks.

Upon the reopening of the facility, the public will be required to sign in for possible community contact tracing efforts, have their temperature taken, wear protective face coverings (masks) and practice social distancing. Disposable masks will be provided free of charge along with access to hand sanitizer.

**C. Applicability**

**D. Responsibility**

Responsibility is with the Library Director

**Appendices**