

## Library Health and Safety Protocols During the Covid-19 Pandemic

The intention of this protocol is to protect the health of Olivia Rodham Memorial Library staff and patrons, while at the same time maintaining, to the greatest extent possible, the services of a free public library. Curbside service is still available to any Nelson resident.

The library cannot at this time legally require staff or patrons to be vaccinated against the Covid virus, nor inquire about anyone's vaccination status or plans. Therefore, for the duration of the pandemic, **the library will continue to require the use of facial masks, hand sanitizing, and social distancing** for anyone who is in the library, regardless of whether they have been vaccinated or not.

We strongly encourage vaccination for everyone who is able to do it.

If you have a cough, fever, or any other symptoms of the Covid virus, or have been exposed in the last ten days to anyone who has tested positive for the virus, please do not enter the library.

This protocol will be reviewed at each library trustees' meeting until objective public-health sources consider the pandemic to have subsided. The decision to fully reopen the library will be made by the library trustees in consultation with the library director and the Town of Nelson select board, and in accordance with scientific data and appropriate metrics.

Board of Trustees, Olivia Rodham Memorial Library, Nelson, NH  
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