
PANDEMIC CODE OF CONDUCT

While operating under a public health emergency, the following code of conduct will apply for patrons using any location of the Cape May County Library.

The Pandemic Code of Conduct is an addendum to the current Cape May County Library Code of Conduct, which continues to remain in effect. This addendum has been adopted by the Commission to ensure the health and safety of patrons and staff using the library facilities. It will remain in effect during the public health emergency declared by the Governor and as the Commission deems appropriate.

- Masks will be required for all patrons over 2 years old while in the library. Disposable masks will be provided for patrons without a mask.
- Patrons will be expected to maintain appropriate social distance between staff and other patrons while in the building, which is a minimum of 6 feet.
- Staff may ask patrons to leave the library if they are exhibiting symptoms of illness, including frequent coughing or sneezing.
- Patrons will be screened for temperatures when entering the building. A patron with a temperature over 100.4 degrees will not be allowed to enter the building.
- Computer use will be limited to one hour and by appointment only.
- Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times while in the library.
- Drinking fountains will be closed.
- Only one person or family unit allowed in the restrooms at a time.

Once the Cape May County Library reopens at limited capacity, these additional rules will also apply.

- Each location will limit capacity per current guidelines from the government and health officials.
- Patrons will be limited to 30 minutes for browsing.
- Limited seating will be available for patrons with mobility issues.
- Library aisles will be marked as one way throughout the library to support social distancing.
- All meeting rooms and study spaces will be closed.

Per the standing Code of Conduct, anyone refusing to follow the Pandemic Code of Conduct will be asked to leave. Depending on the severity of the rule breaking, a patron may be asked to stay away from the library for a period of time, to be determined by the library administration.