

Caro Area District Library Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Plan

In accordance with MIOSHA and DHHS guidelines, Caro Area District Library (CADL) institutes this COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. CADL aims to protect its workforce by enacting all appropriate prevention efforts. CADL is continually monitoring guidance from local, state, and federal health officials and implementing workplace and plan modifications where appropriate.

The following SARS-CoV-2 Preparedness & Response Plan has been established for Caro Area District Library in accordance with the requirements in the most recent Executive Order (EO) concerning employee safety and health, and all requirements therein signed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and also in accordance with Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19 as referenced by EO 2020-110 & 2020-97, and every one that requires it since those.

This program will be available in hard copy at the worksite, as well as posted on the library's website. The purpose of this program is to minimize or eliminate employee exposure to SARS-CoV-2. A copy of this program shall be provided to employees upon their request.

1. Prevention Efforts and Workplace Controls

a. Cleanliness and Social Distancing

CADL abides by the recommended social distancing and other safety measures and establishes the following:

- Employees are encouraged to maintain physical distance even when on break, as well as before and after working hours;
- Employees are required to maintain physical distance when reporting to work, clocking in, leaving work, and clocking out;
- Employees' work stations are no fewer than six feet apart. In instances where they may not be, furniture will be moved or partitions installed;
- CADL may utilize flexible work hours, wherever possible, to limit the number of employees simultaneously working on-site;

- Employees' interactions with the general public are modified to allow for additional physical space between parties; and
- Non-essential travel is postponed or cancelled.
- CADL provides employees with non-medical grade masks and/or face shields to be worn during all shifts.

In addition, CADL is instituting the following cleanliness measures:

- Performing routine environmental cleaning and disinfection, especially of common areas; and
- Providing hand sanitizer in high-traffic areas.

Caro Area District Library has implemented feasible engineering controls to prevent employee exposure to SARS-CoV-2. Engineering controls involve isolating employees from work-related hazards. In workplaces where they are appropriate, these types of controls reduce exposure to hazards without relying on worker behavior and can be the most cost-effective solution to implement.

The following engineering controls have been implemented.

- Plexiglas barriers have been installed at the front desk on the main floor and at the Children's Desk in the Lower Level to prevent respiratory droplets transferring from patron to staff and vice versa.
- Partitions have been installed in offices where staff workstations are less than 6 feet apart or where there is frequent nearby traffic.
- The Lobby doors to the Main Floor of the library will be propped open to reduce the number of touchpoints in the building.

Employees are expected to minimize COVID-19 exposure by:

- Cleaning work stations at the beginning and end of each shift;
- Avoiding, when possible, the use of other employees' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment;
- Frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Utilizing hand sanitizer when soap and water are unavailable;
- Avoiding touching their faces with unwashed hands;

- Avoiding handshakes or other physical contact;
- Avoiding close contact with sick people;
- Practicing respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs and sneezes;
- Immediately reporting unsafe or unsanitary conditions on CADL premises;
- Seeking medical attention and/or following medical advice if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms; and
- Complying with self-isolation or quarantine orders.

b. Supplemental Measures Upon Notification of Employee’s COVID-19 Diagnosis and/or Symptoms

An employee with a COVID-19 diagnosis or who displays symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must be immediately removed from the worksite.

In response to a confirmed diagnosis or display of COVID-19 symptoms, CADL:

- Informs all employees with and near whom the diagnosed/symptomatic employee worked of a potential exposure;
- Keeps confidential the identity of the diagnosed/symptomatic employee;
- Conducts deep cleaning of the diagnosed/symptomatic employee’s workstation, as well as those common areas potentially infected by the employee.

All non-vaccinated employees who worked in sustained, close proximity to the diagnosed/symptomatic employee are also removed from the worksite for at least 14 days; however, should these exposed employees later develop COVID-19 symptoms and/or receive a confirmed diagnosis, they may not report onsite until all return-to-work requirements are met, defined below.

c. Worker Exposure Classification

Employees’ “worker exposure” is classified as medium risk by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s guidance because they frequently and/or closely interact with the general public.

Given this classification, CADL provides the following controls in addition to the above summarized prevention efforts: installing physical barriers where feasible, limiting exposure to the general public, and minimizing face-to-face contact.

2. Identification and Isolation of Sick and/or Exposed Employees

Risk and exposure determinations are made without regard to employees' protected characteristics, as defined by local, state, and federal law.

Any health-related information and documentation gathered from employees is maintained confidentially and in compliance with state and federal law.

Specifically, medical documentation is stored separate from employees' personnel documentation.

a. Employees' Self-Monitoring

The following employees should **not** report to work and, upon notification to CADL, will be removed from the regular work schedule:

- Employees who display COVID-19 symptoms, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, new loss of smell or taste, and/or gastrointestinal problems, including nausea, diarrhea, and vomiting, whether or not accompanied by a formal COVID-19 diagnosis;

- Non-vaccinated employees who, in the last 14 days, have had close contact with and/or live with any person having a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis; and

- Non-vaccinated employees who, in the last 14 days, have had close contact with and/or live with any person displaying COVID-19 symptoms, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, new loss of smell or taste, and/or gastrointestinal problems, including nausea, diarrhea, and vomiting.

Such employees may only resume in-person work upon meeting all return-to-work requirements, defined below.

b. Daily Screenings

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure, CADL requires non-vaccinated employees to self-screen on a daily basis with questions provided by the Tuscola County Health Department.

c. Return-to-Work Requirements

Employees who were themselves diagnosed with COVID-19 may only return to work upon confirmation of the cessation of symptoms and contagiousness, proof of which may be acquired via the test-based strategy or the non-test-based strategy.

The test-based strategy is preferred but relies upon the availability of testing supplies and laboratory capacity. Under this strategy, employees may discontinue isolation and return to work upon achieving the following conditions:

- Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
- Negative results of an FDA Emergency Use Authorized molecular assay for COVID19 from two consecutive nasopharyngeal swab specimens collected at least 24 hours apart.

Under the non-test-based strategy, employees may discontinue isolation and return to work upon achieving the following conditions:

- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Non-vaccinated employees who came into close contact with, or live with, an individual with a confirmed diagnosis or symptoms may return to work after either 14 days have passed since the last close contact with the diagnosed/symptomatic individual, or the diagnosed/symptomatic individual receives a negative COVID-19 test.

Someone who has been [fully vaccinated](#) and shows no symptoms of COVID-19 does not need to [quarantine](#). However, fully vaccinated close contacts should:

- [Wear a mask](#) indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until a negative test result.
- Get tested 5-7 days after [close contact](#) with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Get tested and [isolate](#) immediately if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

Employees are typically required to submit a release to return to work from a healthcare provider; given the current stressors on the healthcare system, CADL may accept written statements from employees confirming all the factors supporting their release.

3. Workplace Flexibilities and Potential Benefits for Employees Affected by COVID-19

Employees may be eligible for paid and unpaid leaves of absence. Employees may be permitted to utilize available paid-time off provided under CADL policy concurrently with or to supplement any approved leave. Employees may also be eligible to work from home.

4. Plan Updates and Expiration

This Plan responds to the COVID-19 outbreak. As this pandemic progresses, CADL will update this Plan and its corresponding processes.

This Plan will expire upon conclusion of its need, as determined by CADL and in accordance with guidance from local, state, and federal health officials.

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