

RESOLUTION: ESTABLISHMENT OF A FACE MASK POLICY AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Agreed upon on 8/7/20, ratified at the 9/23/20 board meeting

WHEREAS on April 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of New York issued an executive order for any individual who is over the age of 2 and able to medically tolerate a face covering requiring them to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face covering when in a public place and unable to maintain, or when not maintaining, social distance.

WHEREAS on May 28, 2020, the Governor issued an executive order giving businesses discretion to ensure compliance with the April 17th executive order, including the discretion to deny entry to individuals not wearing masks or face coverings.

WHEREAS the Library Board of Directors (the "Board") finds protecting the health of all of our patrons and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic of paramount importance.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that effective August 10, 2020, the East Williston Public Library (the "Library") will operate under a Face Mask policy that will require all patrons over the age of 2 and staff entering the library to wear a face mask or a cloth face covering. The library is open to serve all. If any patrons older than 2 cannot wear a mask/ cloth face covering, our staff will make every reasonable effort to provide service to them via curbside operations or another manner that does not result in the patrons' entry into the library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will remain in effect until such time as the Board shall deem it appropriate to amend it. The Board will be guided by any lifting of restrictions in the Governor's executive orders related to the wearing of face masks or face coverings.

Dated: August 10, 2020

The support on the foregoing at the 9/23/20 Library Board Meeting was as follows:

In favor: Ajla McDonald, John Lekstutis, Lauren Shannon, Sabrina Scarantino,
Barbara McWhirk

Against: None