



## Dear Patrons,

The safety of our patrons and employees is a priority to the Horicon Public Library (HPL). We are working to stay on top of this evolving COVID-19 situation by following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, WI Department of Health Services, and the Dodge County Health Department.

Our current plan is to: 1) prioritize the safety and health of our staff and patrons; 2) continue serving your library needs for the time being; 3) plan ahead for changing circumstances.

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

Wisconsin Department of Health Services: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>

Dodge County Health Department: <https://www.co.dodge.wi.gov/government/departments-e-m/human-services-health-department/coronavirus-information>

## What can you do?

### **As the State of WI says:**

#### **Wash your hands. Cough into your elbow. Stay home if sick.**

According to the most recent information from the CDC, for most people, the immediate risk of being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low. We encourage any concerned patrons, especially those in high-risk populations, to stay home if they are feeling ill or are simply concerned about potential exposure.

*Please keep in mind, as a public space, the Library cannot guarantee a germ-free environment or germ-free physical materials. You need to consider if using library materials, or visiting the Library or other public spaces, is best for you and your family. As a reminder, the Library has many digital services available to you for free; check out our collections at <https://horiconwi.rbdigital.com/>.*

## What is Horicon Public Library doing?

**Canceling Programs until further notice:** To protect the health of the community and library staff, we are minimizing gatherings to mitigate the spread of the disease as recommended by the CDC.

**Library Materials Cleaning:** Collection materials are not disinfected when they are checked-in or as they are browsed or used in-house due to limited resources and supplies.

**Staff and Patron Hygiene:** While supplies last, we are making hand sanitizer and wipes available to staff and patrons, plus we are encouraging frequent hand-washing by everyone.

**Library Services:** We are developing staffing and service models should we need to reduce services.

**Next Steps:** We are monitoring this developing situation closely, staying up-to-date on info from federal agencies, health organizations, and other experts. For an up to date library status, visit [www.horicon.lib.wi.us](http://www.horicon.lib.wi.us).

**We will continue to communicate any further impacts to HPL.**

**Thank you for working with us to keep HPL a healthy environment.**