

The Clark County Public Library is closely monitoring information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and safety of our patrons and staff is a top priority. At this time, the Main Library and all branches will continue to be open their regular hours. Further, all regularly scheduled events and programs will continue until further notice.

We are continuing to monitor the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Clark County Combined Health District. At present, we are taking additional steps beyond regular practices and cleaning and sanitizing countertops and workspaces. We are also making hand gel sanitizers available for library users.

Everyone has a role to play in reducing the spread of COVID-19 and staying healthy. Please stay home and do not visit the library if you are exhibiting signs of the flu or if you are not feeling well. We invite you to explore everything we have to offer on our website. You can download eBooks and audiobooks on Overdrive, stream movies and checkout eBooks and audiobooks on Hoopla and Kanopy.

To stay healthy, the CDC and other health agencies recommend:

1. Washing your hands frequently. Wash your hands for 20 seconds or more with soapy water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Avoid contact with people who are sick.
4. Stay home and away from others if you are sick.
5. Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces frequently.
6. Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.

Trusted Information Sources

Sharing accurate information from trusted sources is critical to reduce misinformation. Find reliable and current information about the outbreak from local and national agencies below.

Ohio Department of Health

The Ohio Department of Health maintains a website with the up-to-date information on the outbreak, current risk to the public, and links to helpful resources.

<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/Novel-Coronavirus>

ODH has also set up a call center to address questions regarding COVID-19. It is open seven days a week from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and can be reached at **1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)**.

Centers for Disease Control

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has set up a website with a range of information about the current risk to the public, symptoms to watch for, prevention, testing, and advice for schools, communities and businesses.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>