

To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning

Date: 3/17/22

Re: COVID Facilities Update

On February 25, the CDC changed their guidelines. As such, our County was in the low range and CDC recommended optional face coverings for our area. Per our Pandemic Policy, that means that face coverings are now optional.

As such, we did move all the furniture out of the play area and restored it for play and opened it that afternoon around 4p. DPW came in March and removed the Plexiglas barriers from the service desks as well.

The last act to restore the library to pre-pandemic status will be the adult computers. Currently, we have them operating every other for social distancing. Our goal is to replace the hard drives on those six computers prior to Appleton closing, as we know there will be an influx of people coming to use our computers and they are currently in very poor condition and run very slow. Changing the hard drive is a band aid to the problem that we have with most of our technology; they are reaching end of life at the same time because much of it was purchased new in 2015 to furnish the new library in 2016.

All 12 of these computers will have to be replaced in 2023.

