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March 2020 - March 2022

Washington State Emergency Mandates

February 29, 2020 - Inslee issues COVID-19 emergency proclamation

March 15, 2020 - Inslee statement on statewide shutdown of restaurants, bars and limits on size of gatherings expanded

March 24, 2020 - Inslee announces "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" plan

April 21, 2020 - Inslee announces Washington's COVID-19 recovery plan

June 2020 - Inslee issues guidance for libraries, drive-in theaters in Phases 1 and 2

March 11, 2021 - Inslee announces statewide move to Phase 3

July 1, 2021 - Inslee announces "Washington Ready"

September 13, 2021 - Inslee amends Washington Ready proclamation

September 27, 2021 - Inslee announces COVID-19 vaccination requirement

December 22, 2021 - Video message from Gov. Jay Inslee and Trudi Inslee on holidays, omicron variant and boosters



March 2022: Where KCLS is Now

KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM • OUR PATH TO REOPENING

Please note: all services and timing of reopening are subject to change. Visit kcls.org for updates.

Phase 1 & 1.5

KCLS offers online services and programs:

- Digital collections.
- Online programming.
- Ask KCLS by phone, email, chat.

Some staff in buildings with physical distancing and health protocols in place, preparing for subsequent phases.

- X All libraries remain closed to the public.
- X Mobile outreach services not available.
- X All book returns closed; no returns allowed.

Phase 2

Place holds, pick up materials and printing with contactless Curbside to Go at select locations.

Locker pickups available at Bothell and Covington Libraries, 24/7.

Online services and programs continue (digital collections, programs and Ask KCLS)

Select manual book drops open to return materials.

Limited mobile outreach services. Staff in buildings with masks and physical distancing and health protocols in place.

- X All libraries remain closed to the public.

Phase 3

Partial reopening at some libraries with 25-50% capacity.

Modified in-library services and technology offered at some locations, with reduced hours and limited access.

Curbside to Go, Locker and printing pickup continues at some libraries.

Online services and programs continue (digital collections, programs and Ask KCLS)

Limited mobile outreach services. Most manual book drops open to return materials.

Mask and physical distancing requirements remain in place. Staff in buildings with physical distancing and health protocols in place.

- X Meeting and study rooms closed.
- X No large public gatherings or in-library events.

CURRENT PHASE Phase 4

KCLS returns to standard business practices while continuing to offer services in new ways learned during the pandemic.

Libraries open.

Pending State health mandates:

Meeting and study rooms gradually reopen, pending Administration approval.

Indoor programs and meetings when safe to do so.



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Keeping Mercer Island Informed

- Regular email updates to Mayor Nice and Mercer Island City Council
- Signage at Mercer Island Library
- Regular public updates on kcls.org
- Executive Directors Blog & press releases to Mercer Island Reporter
- Social media; email newsletters; advertising



Opportunities for Input

- Talk to local library staff
- Online comments: <https://kcls.org/comments>
- KCLS Board Meetings – Public Comment; unless otherwise noted Board meetings are held at 5pm on the last Wednesday of each month. kcls.org/board
- Angie Miraflor (she/her)
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Programs and Services

- Mercer Island Library additional day of service: Sundays 11am-6pm
- KCLS is currently planning to relaunch in-person programming this Spring
- Online programs will continue
- KCLS has a strong partnerships with Mercer Island school district
- 8400 MI School District students and staff Ecards provide online access to KCLS resources throughout the pandemic and beyond



Questions?