



NY FORWARD BUSINESS RE-OPENING SAFETY PLAN TEMPLATE

Each re-opening business must develop a written Safety Plan outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. A business may fill out this template to fulfill the requirement, or may develop its own Safety Plan. **This plan does not need to be submitted to a state agency for approval** but must be retained on the premises of the business and must be made available to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection.

Business owners should refer to the State’s industry-specific guidance for more information on how to safely operate. For a list of regions and sectors that are authorized to re-open, as well as detailed guidance for each sector, please visit: forward.ny.gov

COVID-19 Reopening Safety Plan

Name of Business:

Industry:

Address:

Contact Information:

Owner/Manager of Business:

Human Resources Representative and Contact Information, if applicable:

I. PEOPLE

A. Physical Distancing. To ensure employees comply with physical distancing requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Ensure 6 ft. distance between personnel, unless safety or core function of the work activity requires a shorter distance. Any time personnel are less than 6 ft. apart from one another, personnel must wear acceptable face coverings.
- Tightly confined spaces will be occupied by only one individual at a time, unless all occupants are wearing face coverings. If occupied by more than one person, will keep occupancy under 50% of maximum capacity.

- Post social distancing markers using tape or signs that denote 6 ft. of spacing in commonly used and other applicable areas on the site (e.g. clock in/out stations, health screening stations)
- Limit in-person gatherings as much as possible and use tele- or video-conferencing whenever possible. Essential in-person gatherings (e.g. meetings) should be held in open, well-ventilated spaces with appropriate social distancing among participants.
- Establish designated areas for pick-ups and deliveries, limiting contact to the extent possible.

List common situations that may not allow for 6 ft. of distance between individuals. What measures will you implement to ensure the safety of your employees in such situations?

How you will manage engagement with customers and visitors on these requirements (as applicable)?

How you will manage industry-specific physical social distancing (e.g., shift changes, lunch breaks) (as applicable)?

II. PLACES

A. Protective Equipment. To ensure employees comply with protective equipment requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Employers must provide employees with an acceptable face covering at no-cost to the employee and have an adequate supply of coverings in case of replacement.

What quantity of face coverings – and any other PPE – will you need to procure to ensure that you always have a sufficient supply on hand for employees and visitors? How will you procure these supplies?

- Face coverings must be cleaned or replaced after use or when damaged or soiled, may not be shared, and should be properly stored or discarded.

What policy will you implement to ensure that PPE is appropriately cleaned, stored, and/or discarded?

- Limit the sharing of objects and discourage touching of shared surfaces; or, when in contact with shared objects or frequently touched areas, wear gloves (trade-appropriate or medical); or, sanitize or wash hands before and after contact.

List common objects that are likely to be shared between employees. What measures will you implement to ensure the safety of your employees when using these objects?

B. Hygiene and Cleaning. To ensure employees comply with hygiene and cleaning requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Adhere to hygiene and sanitation requirements from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and [Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) and maintain cleaning logs on site that document date, time, and scope of cleaning.

Who will be responsible for maintaining a cleaning log? Where will the log be kept?

- Provide and maintain hand hygiene stations for personnel, including handwashing with soap, water, and paper towels, or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing 60% or more alcohol for areas where handwashing is not feasible.

Where on the work location will you provide employees with access to the appropriate hand hygiene and/or sanitizing products and how will you promote good hand hygiene?

- Conduct regular cleaning and disinfection at least after every shift, daily, or more frequently as needed, and frequent cleaning and disinfection of shared objects (e.g. tools, machinery) and surfaces, as well as high transit areas, such as restrooms and common areas, must be completed.

What policies will you implement to ensure regular cleaning and disinfection of your worksite and any shared objects or materials, using [products](#) identified as effective against COVID-19?

C. Communication. To ensure the business and its employees comply with communication requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Post signage throughout the site to remind personnel to adhere to proper hygiene, social distancing rules, appropriate use of PPE, and cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
- Establish a communication plan for employees, visitors, and customers with a consistent means to provide updated information.
- Maintain a continuous log of every person, including workers and visitors, who may have close contact with other individuals at the work site or area; excluding deliveries that are performed with appropriate PPE or through contactless means; excluding customers, who may be encouraged to provide contact information to be logged but are not mandated to do so.

Which employee(s) will be in charge of maintaining a log of each person that enters the site (excluding customers and deliveries that are performed with appropriate PPE or through contactless means), and where will the log be kept?

- If a worker tests positive for COVID-19, employer must immediately notify state and local health departments and cooperate with contact tracing efforts, including notification of potential contacts, such as workers or visitors who had close contact with the individual, while maintaining confidentiality required by state and federal law and regulations.

If a worker tests positive for COVID-19, which employee(s) will be responsible for notifying state and local health departments?

III. PROCESS

A. Screening. To ensure the business and its employees comply with protective equipment requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Implement mandatory health screening assessment (e.g. questionnaire, temperature check) before employees begin work each day and for essential visitors, asking about (1) COVID-19 [symptoms](#) in past 14 days, (2) positive COVID-19 test in past 14 days, and/or (3) close contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in past 14 days. Assessment responses must be reviewed every day and such review must be documented.

What type(s) of daily health and screening practices will you implement? Will the screening be done before employee gets to work or on site? Who will be responsible for performing them, and how will those individuals be trained?

If screening onsite, how much PPE will be required for the responsible parties carrying out the screening practices? How will you supply this PPE?

B. Contact tracing and disinfection of contaminated areas. To ensure the business and its employees comply with contact tracing and disinfection requirements, you agree that you will do the following:

- Have a plan for cleaning, disinfection, and contact tracing in the event of a positive case.

In the case of an employee testing positive for COVID-19, how will you clean the applicable contaminated areas? What products identified as effective against COVID-19 will you need and how will you acquire them?

In the case of an employee testing positive for COVID-19, how will you trace close contacts in the workplace? How will you inform close contacts that they may have been exposed to COVID-19?

IV. OTHER

Please use this space to provide additional details about your business's Safety Plan, including anything to address specific industry guidance.



Staying up to date on industry-specific guidance:

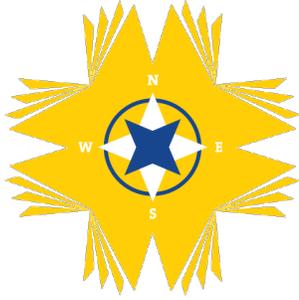
To ensure that you stay up to date on the guidance that is being issued by the State, you will:

- Consult the NY Forward website at forward.ny.gov and applicable Executive Orders at governor.ny.gov/executiveorders on a periodic basis or whenever notified of the availability of new guidance.

STAY HOME.

STOP THE SPREAD.

SAVE LIVES.



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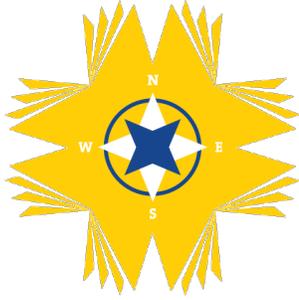
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Youngstown Free Library Operating Hours & Services

The Red Brick building is unlocked and open during Village Office hours and Library browsing hours. During browsing hours, patrons will enter and exit the through the Third Street door. There will be a hand sanitizing station at the entrance of the Library.

Effective Monday, March 7, 2022, the wearing of masks will no longer be required at the Youngstown Free Library. We do encourage anyone with any ongoing health concerns, whether for themselves or others, to continue wearing a mask; and we assure you that your choice to do so will not result in any person being harassed or excluded from any program, space, or experience provided by the Library.



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Managing engagement with patrons and staff

Returning library materials:

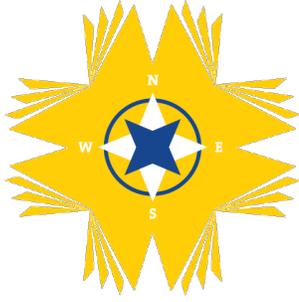
Patrons will be able to drop off all their materials in the outdoor book drop or at the Front Desk.

Library browsing hours:

Upon entering the Library, patrons will be required to feel well. Those who do not feel well or who have tested positive within ten days are asked to receive their books via home delivery or curbside pick-up. Simply call or email the Library to arrange for these services.

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Beyond the desks, social distancing will be encouraged between patrons and staff members.



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Pandemic Protections & Responsibilities for Patrons - Library Browsing

Before you arrive for your visit:

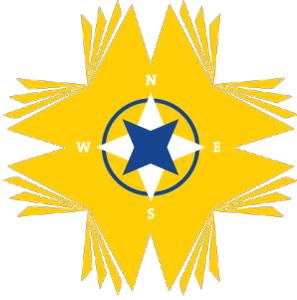
Do you feel well? If you do not, please wait until you feel better. We will be happy to deliver books to you in another way. Contact the Director at 745-3555 or smiller@nioga.org.

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Beyond your visit:

If you feel ill, please seek testing. Testing site locations are available at

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>



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Pandemic Protections & Responsibilities for Library Staff

When you first arrive for your shift:

- Fill out the mandatory health screening questionnaire that asks about COVID-19 symptoms, positive COVID-19 tests, close contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases, take and record your temperature before signing and dating the form. Put it in the health screening binder in the office.
- Check each room's disinfecting stations: make sure each room has a full hand sanitizer and orange tub of disinfecting wipes, and that each lid is sealed tightly.
- Refill the bathroom soap.
- Complete the beginning-of-shift entries in the cleaning log in the office.
- Ensure that the mini-split fans in each collection room are on.
- If you are the first shift of the day, turn on the two air purifying units: one in the foyer (2400 ft² per hour) and one in the Non-Fiction Room (840 ft² per hour).

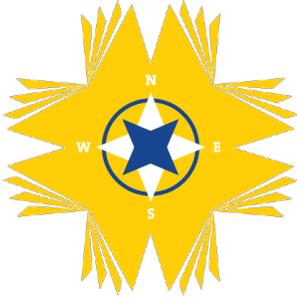
Throughout your shift:

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When you answer the phone, please disinfect the phone after every call.

Wash your hands frequently.

Disinfect areas that the patrons have occupied that you suspect or know were not cleaned by the patron. Shelves, tables, computer areas, and the bathroom are examples of spaces that may need regular cleaning.



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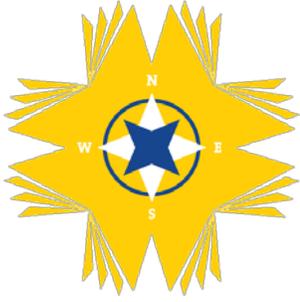
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Before you leave your shift:

- Disinfect all the tables, counters, chairs, cupboards, office supplies, and computer areas that you have touched today with disinfecting wipes.
- Disinfect all bathroom, library, and outside door handles with disinfecting wipes.
- Spray or wipe down all computer keyboards and mice that you used today.
- Check each room's disinfecting stations: make sure each room has an orange tub of disinfecting wipes, and that each lid is sealed tightly.
- Complete the end-of-shift entries in the cleaning log in the office.
- If you are the last shift of the day, turn off the two air purifying units: one in the foyer (2400 ft² per hour) and one in the Non-Fiction Room (840 ft² per hour).

Beyond your shifts:

- If you feel ill, alert Sonora and seek testing. Testing site locations are available at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>
- All staff members & volunteers of the YFL need to be able to show proof of a first vaccination of an approved type for COVID-19 by October 31st 2021, and where appropriate, a second by November 30th 2021.
- Failure by any staff member or volunteer to be able to do so will result in that person being required to present proof of a negative result from an FDA-approved test on a weekly basis. The cost of that test and the time taken to obtain that test will not be paid for by the YFL.



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1. In the past 14 days, please mark all COVID-19 symptoms you have had:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Persistent pain or pressure in the chest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell | <input type="checkbox"/> New confusion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea | <input type="checkbox"/> Inability to wake or stay awake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chills | <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting | <input type="checkbox"/> Bluish lips or face |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea | |

2. Have you had a positive COVID-19 test in the past 14 days?

- Yes
 No

3. Have you had close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days?

- Yes
 No

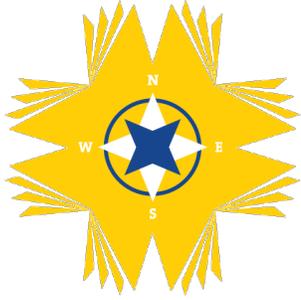
4. What is your temperature today?

Date:

Printed Name:

Signature:

Please put completed sheet into the Health Screening binder in the office. Thank you.



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Library Material Handling Processes

Gloves are not required. However, gloves are available in the PPE cabinet in the office for those staff and volunteers who would like them when handling library materials.

Book Returns

Currently, returns are accepted in the book drop or at the Front Desk.

OPERATING WITH RESTRICTIONS

NAICS: 519120

Industry: Libraries and Archives

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Your business is located in **Niagara** county, which is in **Western New York region**. **Western New York** is in **Phase 4** of reopening.

Your business is currently **permitted to operate with restrictions**. Restrictions that are applicable to your industry are as follows:

Libraries that are operated by a local government or political subdivision are allowed to operate as business restrictions do not apply to government agencies or entities. Libraries that are operated by a not-for-profit or other non-governmental organization may perform curbside or “in-store” pickup once the region in which they are located reaches Phase 1 and may perform other “in-store” operations once the region in which they are located reaches Phases 2-4. Libraries and archives should follow the office-based work guidance for their employee activities, where appropriate.

In order to operate, you must comply with all COVID-19 guidelines specific to your business activities, as well as any additional health and safety guidance issued by the state.

Please see below for COVID-19 guidance that may apply to your business activities under this code. If a guidance document applicable to your business includes a link to the New York Forward Business

Affirmation Form, then your business must also submit this form to affirm that you have read and understood your obligation to operate in accordance with each set of applicable guidance.

In addition to reviewing and, as applicable, affirming guidance for your business, all businesses must also develop a business safety plan. You can find a link to a business safety plan template after you complete your affirmation.

[Essential & Phase II Retail Business Activities](#)

[Office-Based Work](#)

Thank you for using the New York Forward Business Guidance Wizard.

Effective May 19, 2021, New York has adopted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People," for most businesses and public settings as set forth in this [guidance](#). For certain activities, businesses may be permitted to elect to follow superseding CDC guidance in lieu of the related State guidance provisions.

For more information on the New York State Forward plan, visit forward.ny.gov.



New York Forward

Business Affirmation

We have received your reopening affirmation on 06/21/2020 at 03:37 pm.

Print or take a screenshot of this page for your records.

Your next step is to create and post your NY Forward Business Safety Plan.

[Download the NY Forward Business Safety Plan Template](#)

I am the owner or agent of the business listed. I have reviewed the New York State interim guidance for business re-opening activities and operations during the COVID-19 public health emergency and I affirm that I have read and understand my obligation to operate in accordance with such guidance.

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We have received your reopening affirmation on 05/17/2020 at 03:27 pm.

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Business Affirmation

We have received your reopening affirmation on 04/29/2021 at 06:42 pm.

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Retail - Essential and Phase II Retail: In-Store Shopping

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