BETHEL PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

POLICY NUMBER: 119
TITLE: Epidemic/Pandemic and Public Service
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PURPOSE: To comply with the recommendations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control for an epidemic/pandemic, the library has developed the following policy for providing in-person library services.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

1. Recommendations/orders from the Centers for Disease Control, the Allegheny County Health Department, and/or the Governor of Pennsylvania will be followed when available.
2. In the absence of above recommendations/orders, the Library will use the Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard from the Pennsylvania Department of Health available at
3. If the PCR percent positivity rate for the epidemic/pandemic over the most recent seven (7) days for Allegheny County reaches 10% or greater, which is defined by the Center for Disease Control as an active epidemic, the Library will cease providing in-person services and begin curbside pick-up only. Hours of curbside pick-up will be determined by the Library Director.
4. In-person services will resume when the PCR percent positivity rate for the epidemic/pandemic over the most recent seven (7) days for Allegheny County returns to "moderate" risk, defined by the Centers for Disease Control as between 5 – <8% PCR percent positivity rate.
5. This policy may be revised as new information regarding epidemic/pandemic transmission and treatment become available.