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Library Patrons With Coronavirus Symptoms — Fever, Coughing, Short Breath — To Be Asked to Leave

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If you've got either a fever, are coughing or have shortness of breath, don't visit Darien Library — you'll "be asked to leave the library and return when fully recovered," the library announced Monday morning.

That's the new element in the library's policy on dealing with COVID-19 in an "updated coronavirus action plan" announced by library Director Alan Kirk Gray in an email Monday.

"Any patrons who are experiencing symptoms of the virus (fever, cough, shortness of breath) are encouraged to seek medical attention immediately," the email said. "To protect other patrons and staff, visitors who exhibit these symptoms will be asked to leave the Library and return when fully recovered."

The library's [website homepage](#) didn't mention the additional policy as of 12 noon on Monday.

Full Text of the Announcement

Here's the full text of the email:

Darien Library takes the health and safety of our patrons and staff very seriously, and continues to actively monitor the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Updated Action Plan

Any patrons who are experiencing symptoms of the virus (fever, cough, shortness of breath) are encouraged to seek medical attention immediately. To protect other patrons and staff, visitors who exhibit these symptoms will be asked to leave the Library and return when fully recovered.

Check the flyer from the Center of Disease Control for techniques to help prevent the spread of germs.

At-Home Library Access

If you're unable to visit the Library for any reason, we'd like to remind you of all the great resources that you can access from the comfort of home.

- Borrow books, movies, music, and TV shows at [Digital Darien](#)*
- Research topics through our [online databases](#)
- [Watch recordings of events](#) (if we have permission to film)

As always, our reference staff can answer research questions. You may call the reference desk at 203-669-5236 or [send an email](#).

Best,

Alan Kirk Gray,
Darien Library Director