

## Directors Call – 5/18/2021

Organized in response to the CDC and state issuing new guidance on mask wearing for the vaccinated.

A session with an attorney to cover the legal ramifications of the new mask guidance for libraries will be held on Friday, May 21 at 1 PM.

Register here- [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_GBEYRC-kQQy\\_08OR9JCgiw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GBEYRC-kQQy_08OR9JCgiw)

The session will be recorded, but the recording will only be available for registrants. So, register even if you cannot attend live.

We can forward questions in advance. Below is a summary of the group's questions. Steve will forward them to the session organizer.

Questions for the Attorney:

Can a library (of any type) require vaccination documentation?

Does being a school district public library matter since schools are requiring masks?

Can a library (of any type) hold programs only for the vaccinated?

Can a library (of any type) require masks during a children's movie?

Can a library (of any type) mandate masks in the children's area?

Can a library (of any type) still require masks??

Can require (of any type) masks for a program

If someone is not vaccinated, can they run a program? Does library type matter?

Send any other questions to Steve.

Currently there is no consensus on how to proceed. As with the shutdown, different libraries are dealing with different local circumstances. Some plan to lift the mask mandate for the vaccinated (mostly on the honor system) and some plan to continue to require masks for everyone.

Those planning to continue to require masks point mainly to the fact that most children cannot yet be vaccinated:

*"We serve at risk populations (unvaccinated children) and will continue to require masks until all ages have access to the COVID-19 vaccine."*

Several big retailers that also serve children (Target, Walmart, etc) have lifted their mask requirements.

Those lifting the mandate plan to put up signs encouraging, but not requiring masks.