

# **A RESOLUTION OF THE PORTER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM REGARDING FACE MASKS IN LIBRARY BUILDINGS**

**Whereas:** On March 6, 2020, Indiana Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02, Declaration of Public Health Emergency for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak;

**Whereas:** Executive Order 20-02 declared that a public health disaster emergency exists in Indiana attributable to the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”);

**Whereas:** On April 29, 2021, Indiana Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 21-11, Fourteenth Renewal of Public Health Emergency Declaration for the COVID-19 Outbreak extending the declaration of the public health emergency declaration to at least May 31, 2021;

**Whereas:** On April 29, 2021, Indiana Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 21-12, Continuation of Modified County-Based Measures and Restrictions Based on the Impact and Spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19);

**Whereas:** Executive Order 21-12 states, in part, that “Every individual within the State of Indiana shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when:

- i) inside all state government buildings, offices and facilities, including but not limited to the Indiana Government Center, Indianapolis office locations and other offices or facilities throughout the state”;

**Whereas:** The wearing of face masks continues to be required in Porter County Government buildings, including, but not limited to the Porter County Administration Office and Porter County Courthouse located in Valparaiso and the Porter County Courthouse located in Portage;

**Whereas:** The Porter County Public Library System and its Board of Trustees are committed to protecting the health and safety of Library staff, patrons and all Porter County citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Porter County Public Library System, that:**

- 1) This Resolution supersedes the Resolution passed by the Porter County Public Library System on July 15, 2020 regarding the wearing of face masks in library facilities.
- 2) All Library staff are required to wear a mask over their nose and mouth, as well as socially distance in Porter County Public Library System facilities during their assigned shifts.

- 3) All patrons are encouraged to wear a mask over their nose and mouth, as well as socially distance in Porter County Public Library System facilities.
- 4) This policy shall remain in effect until modified by the Director of the Porter County Public Library System due to new information and data regarding COVID-19 cases and vaccinations in Porter County, Indiana. Any modifications to this policy shall be reported to the Porter County Public Library System Board of Trustees in the Director's monthly report.
- 5) This Resolution is effective upon passage.

**ALL OF WHICH HAVING BEEN RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** by the Porter County Public Library System this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

PORTER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD

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Stacey Whitten, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Knauff, Secretary