

Updated Mask Policy and Delta Variant Information for *the Village Library of Wrightstown*

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Due to the rise in new cases in Bucks County and throughout the region over the past week, the Village Library of Wrightstown's Board of Trustees has made the decision to update the mask policy.

The safety of our employees, our families and our residents has always driven our decision-making process through the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to follow the CDC recommendations. According to CDC guidelines, Bucks County has been deemed an area of substantial spread of the Covid-19 Delta variant.

A substantial designation means the county has reached 50-99.99 new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days. As a result, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, please be advised of the following protocols:

- **Employees are required to wear masks.**
- **All visitors are required to follow the CDC recommendations and wear masks when entering the Library.**

The Board will continue to monitor transmission levels. If Bucks County reaches HIGH TRANSMISSION status, additional protocols may be implemented.

DELTA VARIANT FACTS: • The Delta variant is a different strain with higher risks, so we need to treat this differently than we have thus far.

- Both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals that become infected can spread the virus person to person. Clusters of vaccinated people are becoming infected.
- Delta variant spreads 3-5 times more than previous strains. Similar to how fast chicken pox spreads.
- Many respected public health officials believe there will be a significant case increase in the next 8 weeks. We need to be proactive and protect our employees and families.
- Please do NOT visit the library if you are sick or exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms. These symptoms include coughing, fatigue, headaches, aches and pains, chest pressure, loss of taste or smell.
- If you are vaccinated and have had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, you should get tested 3-5 days after exposure even if you do not have symptoms. You should wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until you receive a negative test. If you are positive, you should isolate for 10 days.
- We recognize that the uncertainty around COVID-19 may cause stress and anxiety. We are all doing the best we can with the information we have.

CDC Website Used To Track Transmission Rates: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>