

December 29, 2020

COVID-19 Update –

As the number of positive cases of COVID in Saratoga County continue to rise and surpass a 14-day rolling average of 5%, the Galway Public Library is taking measures to ensure the continued safety of our patrons and staff. Based on current guidelines, as of Saturday, **1/2/2021**, library services will temporarily revert back to a Stage 3.5 Reopening Plan:

**Stage 3.5:**

- Patrons may enter the building for brief visits. There is a limit of 10 people present at one time.
- Face masks and social distancing are required.
- Curbside pickup is encouraged. Please call 518-882-6385 to make an appointment.
- One public computer is available. No public seating is available.
- Faxing, printing/copying, and notary services are available.
- All programs are virtual. Take & Make craft kits/themed book bundles are available for kids to borrow.
- Returns are accepted in the outside book drop, and will be quarantined for 4 days.
- Used book donations are not accepted.
- Only select volunteers will be allowed to come in.

Stage 3.5 will be in effect until further notice, but is subject to change if the County positivity rate continues to rise or if the area is declared to be in a Yellow, Orange, or Red Cluster Zone.

If rolling 14-day positivity rate is above 6% or the County is a Yellow Zone, revert to Stage 3 of Reopening Plan – no browsing allowed in building. One computer available for patron use.

If rolling 14-day positivity rate is above 7% or the County is an Orange Zone, revert to Stage 2 – Curbside services only. No public allowed in building.

If rolling 14-day positivity rate is above 8% or the County is a Red Zone, revert to Stage 1 – Remote services only.

Transitions between Stages will be effective within 3 days of when the threshold is met.

Staff scheduling will be determined by the Director, but may include a decrease in hours to limit interactions. Reverting back Stages may mean a decrease in service hours.

Approved by Galway Library Board of Trustees 12/29/2020.