

Libraries *and* COVID-19



Planning for Reopening: A Checklist

Inputs

- Federal, state, local executive orders
- Federal, state, local health department guidance
- REALM Project research findings
- State, local government reopening plans
- Intergovernmental cooperation agreements (formal or informal)
- Administrative unit plans
- State library, library association, and consortium guidance
- Library patron confidentiality laws
- Board and staff engagement
- Legal consultation

Considerations

- Refinement of library policies
- Facilities cleaning
- Facilities modifications
- Protective equipment/supply needs
- Materials handling
- Staff training
- Phased opening of building for staff
- Phased opening of building for community
- Prioritized resumption of services
- Long term program and service adaptations
- Consortial agreements
- Internal communications
- External communications
- Recalibration/adjustment triggers

For additional information and links to resources on planning for reopening libraries, visit: ala.org/advocacy/planning-reopening-resources
