



While the BDL Board of Trustees granted the Library Director the authority to determine when the library reopens and in what fashion, the Board of Trustees still needs to approve a policy framework to govern the Library Director's decision making to ensure that the Library is in compliance with state and federal laws.

Also, since responses to the COVID-19 situation essentially require temporary patron expectations, in addition to what is already present in the BDL's Code of Conduct Policy, the Board of Trustees has an obligation to consider these actions as a separate policy with regards to patrons' access to the library.

An assessment from the Library of Michigan's legal specialist, Clare Membiela, on the requirements as they stand from the executive orders as of 5/21/2020 [is available online](#), and is recommended reading.

Library services vendor, Demco, [put out an excellent 1-hour video presentation overview](#) of the situation, which would also be a recommended resource to watch before evaluating this draft policy.

It is important to note that, just as stated in the [MI Safe Start Plan](#), it is possible, and even probable, to travel in either direction between the stages. While right now we would be in Stage 2 of the draft reopening plan, Stage 1 is enumerated so that if we backslide we are prepared.

This draft policy incorporates advice from our attorney at Foster Swift, suggestions from the Library of Michigan, and others.