



UPDATE TO COVID-19 RESPONSE AND REOPENING POLICY October 12, 2020

Due to the recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling invalidating Governor Whitmer's executive orders in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, under the authority granted to me by the BDL Board, I updated the BDL's COVID-19 Response and Reopening Policy to recognize that we'll be taking our cues not just from executive orders going forward.

The opening paragraph of "Exhibit A: Reopening Plan" formerly read:

The following is the reopening plan approved by the BDL Board of Trustees ("Reopening Plan"). If an executive order is in effect, all elements of the executive order will be followed and the executive order will control if there is a conflict. The Reopening Plan only applies if permitted by law or executive order.

It now reads:

The following is the reopening plan approved by the BDL Board of Trustees ("Reopening Plan"). If an order is in effect from the Governor, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency (BHSJ), or another governmental body in Branch County authorized to issue public health orders, all elements of the order(s) will be followed and the order(s) will control if there is a conflict. The Reopening Plan applies only if permitted by law, by executive order, or by order of MDHHS, MIOSHA, BHSJ, or another governmental body in Branch County authorized to issue public health orders.

In addition, all instances of "executive order" have been replaced with "order from the Governor, MDHHS, MIOSHA, BHSJ, or another governmental body in Branch County authorized to issue public health orders".

If these changes are acceptable to the BDL Board, no further action is required.

The full plan is available at <https://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/policies>.

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