

WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARIES COVID RESPONSE

TIMELINE OF STATEWIDE AND LIBRARY RESPONSES TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

FEBRUARY 29, 2020

The first known COVID-19 death in the State of Washington is reported

Governor Inslee announces state of emergency due to COVID-19

MARCH 12, 2020

Seattle closes all libraries with Sno-Isle, King County, Pierce County, and NCW libraries following suit

MARCH 23, 2020

Statewide stay-at-home order enacted: all Washington libraries closed

JUNE 2020

Washington Libraries begin to open for curbside and bookmobile services

JUNE 26, 2020

Washington state health department requires masks in all public indoor spaces

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Governor Inslee announces new restrictions due to rising COVID-19 cases including 25% capacity in indoor settings

DECEMBER 15, 2020

The first COVID-19 vaccinations in Washington are administered to healthcare workers

MARCH 2021

Libraries begin opening for in-person, indoor services using state guidelines

MAY 19, 2021

The state's requirement to quarantine returned library materials is lifted

JUNE 1, 2021

Most state libraries reopen their doors, and indoor masking requirements for fully-vaccinated library patrons are lifted

JUNE 30, 2021

All statewide COVID-19 restrictions for libraries are lifted and are now used as guidelines

MAY 2022

Library meeting spaces begin to open

