# **MHLS Director Briefing**

COVID-19 | May 22, 2020



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**↑** New York Forward Business Reopening Lookup Tool

#### **New York Forward Business Reopening Lookup Tool**

Businesses in each region will be able to re-open in phases. Re-opening refers to non-essential businesses and business activities. Essential businesses and businesses are businesses and businesses and businesses are businesses and businesses are businesses and businesses and businesses are businesses are

The guidelines accessible via this tool apply to both non-essential businesses in regions that are permitted to re-open, and essential businesses throughout the state that were previously permitted to remain open.

Eligibility for reopening will be determined by health metrics for each region.

This tool will help you determine whether or not your business is eligible to reopen, and the public health and safety standards with which your business must comply.

To access it, please click on the "Get Started" button below:

Get Started

https://www.businessexpress.ny.gov/app/nyforward

### Let Us Know:

- Spreadsheet to share current thinking county-by-county available on MHLS COVID-19 Resources Page: <a href="https://midhudson.org/covid19/">https://midhudson.org/covid19/</a>
- 2. Online form to officially let us know when you are starting up curbside
  - · Level of service
  - Start date
    - Please note: We will need you to submit a ticket to <u>TechSupport@midhudson.org</u> at least 1 business day before this date



## **MHLS Services**

#### MHLS Delivery and System-wide Holds

- When 44 of 66 members libraries a super majority have begun in-person,
   physical service (i.e. curbside or re-opening of facilities)
- Local holds are possible now



### **New CDC Transmission Guidance**

#### The virus spreads easily between people

How easily a virus spreads from person-to-person can vary. Some viruses are highly contagious, like measles, while other viruses do not spread as easily. Another factor is whether the spread is sustained, which means it goes from person-to-person without stooping.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading very easily and sustainably between people. Information from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic suggest that this virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza, but not as efficiently as measles, which is highly contagious.

#### The virus does not spread easily in other ways

COVID-19 is a new disease and we are still learning about how it spreads. It may be possible for COVID-19 to spread in other ways, but these are not thought to be the main ways the virus spreads.

- From touching surfaces or objects. It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object
  that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the
  main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about this virus.
- From animals to people. At this time, the risk of COVID-19 spreading from animals to people is considered to be low.
   Learn about <u>COVID-19 and pets and other animals</u>.
- From people to animals. It appears that the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread from people to animals in some
  situations. CDC is aware of a small number of pets worldwide, including cats and dogs, reported to be infected with the
  virus that causes COVID-19, mostly after close contact with people with COVID-19. Learn what you should do <u>if you
  have pets</u>.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html

## **New: Curbside Procedure Examples**

Now available on MHLS COVID-19 Resources Page: https://midhudson.org/covid19/

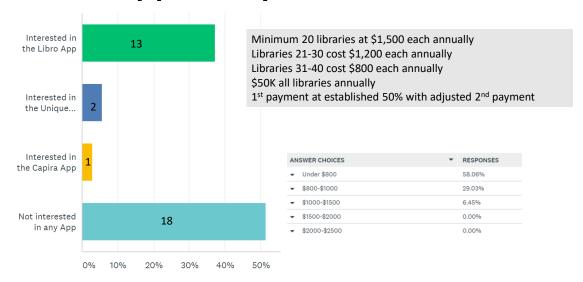
- <u>Curbside Services</u>, Pikes Peak Library District
- Curbside pickup service, Hennepin County Library
- List of Sources for Lockers, Danbury, CT Library
- Curbside Pickup, Rochester Public Library, NY
- Curbside Pickup, Onondaga County Public Libraries, NY
- Allen County Library Public Library, IN
- Rochester Public Library, MN
- Sacramento Public Library, CA
- •State of Rhode Island Office of Library & Information Services, RI

# **Answers to Frequently Asked Questions**

- Recording & Slides from May 21<sup>st</sup> "Restart Guidance for Library Directors" session available
- Coming Soon: PDF of answers to frequently asked questions
- Next Up: "Trustee Roles & Responsibilities During Restarting Library Services" on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – registration still open



# **Mobile App Survey Results**



What you need to know!

- Patrons cannot place holds in Encore
- Staff are blocked from placing holds
- Your library is closed
- External paging is turned off
- The items on your holdshelf are safe through 6/30/2020
- Your items are not due until 6/30/2020



The "Request it" button has been removed

Where the crawdads sing / Delia Owens
Owens, Delia.

Book | 2018

Available at Adriance Adult (BROWSING FIC Owe) plus 5+ more see all

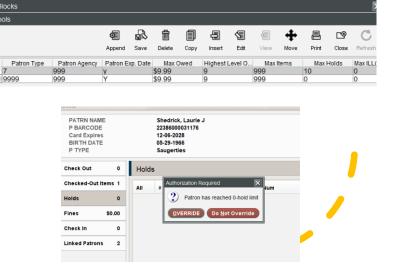
3 holds on first copy returned of 151 copies



Additional actions:

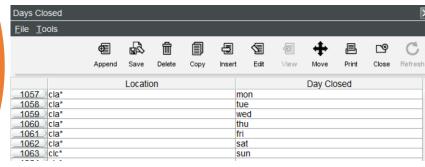
Patron Blocks set to "0" holds

Staff are Blocked from holds





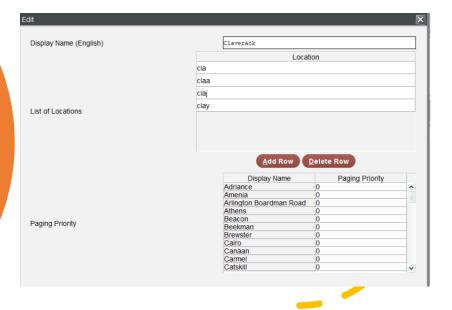
To open we need to update your closed dates and remove generic closure





External paging is turned off

Paging order in Sierra is set to the pickup location only.



The items on your holdshelf are safe through 6/30

- We run a weekly update on Fridays to ensure the extensions are in place for items you are processing.
- The update will catch the items within the last 7 days
- Notices cannot be changed, so if you are not open you should not send pickup notices.

Your items are not due until 6/30/2020

- Any items that were checked out after March 1 will not be due until 6/30/2020
- We are updating this weekly
- If you begin opperations we can eliminate your library from the updates.

### Do review the Sierra reopening documentation

#### Sierra: Reopening your library after COVID-19 (May 22, 2020)

Our process for reopening libraries after the COVID-19 closures will consist of several measures applied globally by MHLS staff, followed best practices, applied in each of our member libraries, to build towards our normal operating levels.

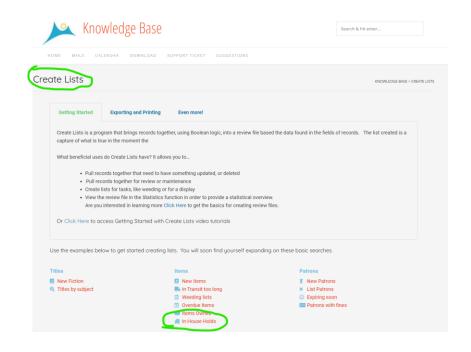
#### Staff Only - No In-Person, Physical Services - No Delivery

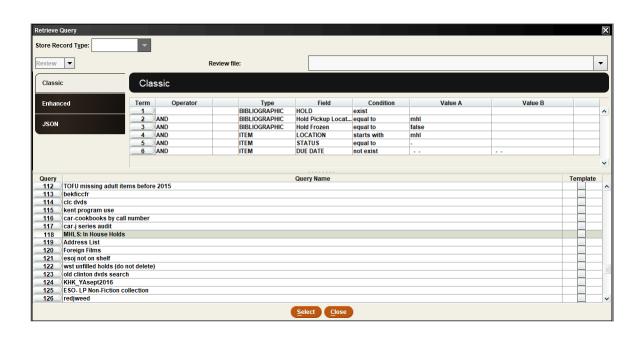
Once staff return to the building; they will be able to process the items returned to the building and any items that are waiting in delivery bins to be processed.

MHLS Will  Some activity happens prior to and during soft opening.	<ul> <li>Update Encore messaging with date for future service restoration</li> <li>All items that had a due date of 3/1/2020 through 6/30/2020 are now due on 6/30/2020</li> <li>All items on the holdshelf on have been extended through 6/30/2020. MHLS will maintain the extension for new items being put on the holdshelf through 6/30/2020.</li> <li>Days closed table has been updated to close all libraries.</li> <li>A code for waiving fines for COVID-19 is in place as a payment type in Sierra</li> <li>MHLS has edited the text message to alert patrons to check the library website</li> <li>All items borrowed thru MHLS ILL have been extended by supplying libraries to May 29<sup>th</sup>. The due dates will be extended again and again as the Governor extends the deadline.</li> </ul>
Libraries Do	<ul> <li>Review your dates in the days closed table and update if there are changes.</li> <li>You complete the online days closed form if you would like MHLS to edit the table on your behalf.</li> </ul>

Managing a local hold- easy as 1,2,3

- Run the saved create list #101, editing it to include your location.
   Instructions linked on KB
   <a href="https://kb.midhudson.org/generating-an-in-house-holds-list/">https://kb.midhudson.org/generating-an-in-house-holds-list/</a>
- Place holds as you normally do at the **Title** Level
- 3. Run title level hold notices to net the new holds that staff have place







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