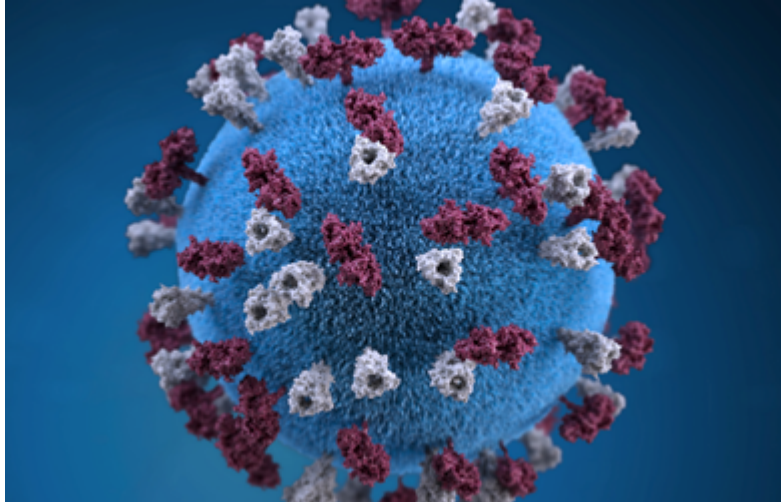


# Updates to Williamsburg Regional Library's COVID Protocols and Restrictions

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With COVID-19 cases rising locally and ongoing concerns about transmission rates among children who are too young to be vaccinated, Williamsburg Regional Library is temporarily changing its protocols and restrictions surrounding kids' programs and spaces in the library buildings.



Effective Tuesday, August 17, the interactive elements and toys in the children's areas in both library buildings will not be available. This decision was made in order to protect WRL's youngest users, families, library staff, and the health of the community. The children's areas and collections will continue to be open and available to all patrons.

Additionally, all in-person, indoor children's programming is being cancelled, delayed, or moved outside. This includes storytimes, kids' book groups, and all other performances and events aimed at families and kids ages 12 and under. Because adults and teens are able to be vaccinated, programming for these users will not be affected at this time. Prospective program attendees are encouraged to check [wrl.org/events](https://wrl.org/events) for the most up-to-date information on the status and location of all WRL programs.

"We are making these temporary changes to protect our community and we look forward to resuming full operations as soon as we can," said Betsy Fowler, library director.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and all library patrons are encouraged to check [wrl.org/pandemic-updates](https://wrl.org/pandemic-updates) frequently for the latest updates on WRL's COVID-19 precautions and procedures.

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