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**GFPL covid-19 policy**

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Hi Sara,

I'm a decades-long public library user, and I've been distressed by recent reports of people refusing to wear masks while at the library. I don't know if comments from library users matter, but thought I'd share my thoughts.

First, I REALLY appreciate the library's quick response to the pandemic – first by closing the library, then by finding a way to gradually and safely resume services. Masks are a critical component to safe operations, and the vast majority of Americans agree with the need for them until the threat has passed. Like many people, I refuse to enter a business or facility that does not require and enforce mask usage.

The whole anti-mask movement is a bit nonsensical to me, but everyone is entitled to their own opinion. That entitlement stops, however, at the expense of others' health and safety. Masks don't protect the user; they protect those around the user. With covid numbers so high in Cascade County, we are all at risk.

Our public library is a gem and a vital part of the community. Enforcing a mask policy is the best way to ensure it can remain open and keep both library employees and patrons safe. Thank you for all you and your staff do!

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