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# COVID-19 & Libraries

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Really.

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No human activity of any kind is ever 100% safe.

Calm, caring, and confident  
comprehension *and* compassion for everyone around you  
is going to take us all a long, long way.

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*Dante and Virgin in Hell* by Eugène Delacroix (1798–1863)

# SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19

## Big Concepts to Know

SARS-CoV-2 is a highly infectious respiratory virus.

It kills more people than most other respiratory viruses.

It spreads via:

Physical contact with contaminated/infected people...

The surfaces they touch (fomites)

...and droplets from infected people coughing or sneezing.

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(I think you get the point.)

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People may be infected (and therefore contagious) for several days before having symptoms.

They may not develop symptoms at all.

The symptoms (annoyingly) are really not very specific and vary greatly in intensity:

Fever • Cough • Chest Tightness • Etc.

# SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19

Prevention: The **NUMBER ONE** thing.

**Properly-funded, functional, well-heeded  
Public Health System.**

**Quarantine**  
**Self-Isolation**  
**Social Distancing**  
**Avoid Touching Face**  
**Hand Washing**  
**Face Masks**  
**Gloves**

Best



Worst

# Patrons

Getting in, getting out, and so on...

Managing numbers — how many, for how long?

Temperature screenings

Masks?

Non-compliance

Staged reopening?

# Desk Matters

## Circulation and Reference Desks

Sneeze guards? Masks? Gloves?

Hand sanitizer? (Yes, please.)

Handling materials?

# Books!

What do we do with them?

Viral viability on books.

Quarantine materials?

Cleaning processes?

UV Light?

# **“May I Take Your Library Order?”**

Curbside pickup, delivery, and so forth

How can we best handle curbside pickup?

Safe pickup and delivery to homebound patrons.

# Cleaning everything else

How do we clean...well, everything?

CDC Guidance on Cleaning and Disinfecting

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/clean-disinfect/index.html>

Computers? Makerspace materials? Bathrooms?

Rearrange furniture to accommodate  
social distancing? (Yes.)

# Germs.

(and the children they rode in on.)

Children will touch many things.

Children will touch their faces.

Children will touch each other.

“How can we socially distance a class of young children in a small space?”

“You don’t.”

# Special populations.

Outreach to the young and old, homeless populations.

Health screenings of staff

Proper protective equipment (a mask, really.)

Social distancing with advance messaging  
to the location.

Homeless populations —  
collaborate with local authorities.

# Staff.

They need your kindness and understanding as well.

## OSHA's Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

Hear them out.

Be understanding and as kind as possible.

Be flexible.

And talk to HR with those goals in mind.

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We're all in this together.

This, ultimately, is love. Love for our fellow humans that we may not know, nor ever meet. Love that we care for their well-being, their existence and their contribution to our society. It makes me happy to see that. These threats do not single out political affiliation, race, ethnicity, sex, religion or immigration status. They are human-endangering, and require a human-protecting response. When we protect all, we PROTECT ALL.

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# Ramblings

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