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Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-69 (found here) which extends the temporary restriction on the use of places of public accommodation to May 28. This means that library staff cannot interact with the general public until that day. The previous Executive Order 2020-59 (found here)— the Stay Home, Stay Safe order — is in effect until May 15. If things remain constant, there is the possibility that staff might be able to reenter the building and perform tasks unrelated to public interaction after May 15. And, if EO 2020-69 holds fast, we may possibly consider reintroducing limited services like curbside delivery after May 28. This is not a definite plan, as the COVID-19 landscape is ever-evolving.

The management team is hard at work on a plan to incrementally reintroduce library services in deliberate, measured stages based on orders from the Governor's office and in the interest of public health and safety. This plan includes movement from our current "virtual" model of service to providing in-library services with no direct public contact (like curbside delivery) to services by appointment with minimal public contact and, finally, to a full service model.

I miss you all but am confident that the sacrifices of today are in our best interest and in the best interest of the community we serve.

Sincerely, Lori Coryell

