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Pueblo libraries to now require masks inside



Pueblo City-County Library District is resuming in-person services in late January 2021. (KKTU)

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PUEBLO, Colo. (KKTU) - Effective Wednesday, you must don a mask if visiting one of Pueblo's libraries.

The Pueblo City-County Library District says this rule applies to everyone, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status. Both the city and county of Pueblo have seen cases and hospitalizations jump in recent weeks, and vaccine rates lag behind the state average.

It is important for us to put into place for now a masking requirement for everyone entering local libraries given the current mounting increase of COVID-19 transmission locally. This aligns local libraries with the recent health order regarding schools and day cares, and it is consistent with the actions of other local public institutions to help address this problem," said Jon Walker, executive director of PCCLD.

The libraries will all have disposable masks on hand if you forget to bring one. Patrons unable to wear a mask can use the library district's curbside service, including internet hotspots, curbside printing, and online reference assistance. Many library materials can also be found from the comfort of your home by using [this link](#).

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Pueblo County Library mandates masks as COVID-19 cases rise

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PUEBLO Colo. (KKTU) - Effective today, the Pueblo County Library has mandated that masks be worn inside its walls. This is the third mask-mandate in Pueblo this week, following schools and city buildings.

The Director of Public Health for Pueblo County, Randy Evetts says that his board is not considering a universal mask mandate in Pueblo right now. He did say that if cases continue to rise they may have to look at that option.

He is hopeful that mask mandates in places like schools and libraries will help curb the rising infections.

Right now most cases in the county are among unvaccinated people, particularly children and teens. There were 894 cases of Covid in Pueblo County in August. That is higher than case numbers in August 2020, and is comparable to levels in October last year.

Evetts says that Pueblo residents shouldn't be afraid of the virus but they should be mindful of exposing themselves to it until cases start to decline.

He says that vaccination is the most powerful weapon against Covid. right now 58% of Pueblo County residents are vaccinated which trails the 75% of Coloradans who are vaccinated.

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Masks required at Pueblo County libraries

PUEBLO, Colo. (KRDO) -- All Pueblo City-County Library District locations began requiring patrons and staff to wear masks at all times inside library buildings, regardless of vaccination status.

This went into effect Wednesday, September 1. Library officials say the measure will keep the environment safe from the spread of COVID-19 amid a concerning spike in Delta variant cases.

"It is important for us to put into place, for now, a masking requirement for everyone entering local libraries given the current mounting increase of COVID-19 transmission locally. This aligns local libraries with the recent health order regarding schools and daycares, and it is consistent with the actions of other local public institutions to help address this problem," said Jon Walker, executive director of PCCLD.

For those who are unable to wear a mask, the PCCLD is providing curbside pickup materials, including tablet and internet hotspots, curbside printing, and online reference assistance.

A variety of digital material is available for download through the [library's website](#).

All locations have disposable face masks, as well as hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes. At this time, there are no limits in place for browsing and computer use.

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WASHINGTON, DC -- SEPTEMBER 13: Civil rights leader Martin Luther King III speaks at a press conference on voting rights outside of the U.S. Capitol on September 13, 2021 in Washington, DC. King spoke on the need to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Restoration Act, the For The People Act, and the Washington, D.C. Admission Act. (Photo by Kevin Dietsch/Getty Images)

NEWS

Martin Luther King, III, to speak at virtual presentation

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PUEBLO, Colo. — Civil rights advocate and global humanitarian Martin Luther King, III, will give a virtual presentation at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16 as part of the Pueblo Library Facebook and YouTube page programming.

King's speech will kick off the library district's adult summer learning series entitled Community Voices which will celebrate the diversity found in southern Colorado since the early 1900s.

Continuing his father's work, King is a lifelong advocate of human rights and continues to work toward ending racism, violence and poverty on a global scale.

When talking about this approach to solving human rights-related issues he asks, "If we can live a day in peace, why can't we live a week in peace? If we can live a week in peace, why can't we live a month? If we can live a month, why not a year? And if we can achieve a year, why not a lifetime?"

To learn more about the adult learning program at PCCLD, [click here.](#)

NEWS BRIEFS

Pueblo library district to host virtual Martin Luther King III presentation

Civil rights advocate and global humanitarian Martin Luther King III will give a virtual presentation at 10 a.m. Sept. 16. This free virtual event is open to the public, streaming on the Pueblo City-County Library District Facebook and YouTube pages.

The eldest son of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, King is the featured speaker of the library district's adult summer learning series, Community Voices. This series is a celebration of the diverse populations that have called Pueblo and Southern Colorado home during the past 100 plus years. The library district is producing a 10-part video series spotlighting the stories and achievements of the African American community in and around Pueblo.

Continuing his father's work, King is a lifelong advocate of human rights and continues to work toward ending racism, violence and poverty on a global scale. When speaking about this logic based approach to solving human rights-related issues he asks, "If we can live a day in peace, why can't we live a week in peace? If we can live a week in peace, why can't we live a month? If we can live a month, why not a year? And if we can achieve a year, why not a lifetime?"

For more information, visit pueblolibrary.org, or visit the library on Facebook and YouTube.

go you need to know on Thursday, September 16



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Good morning southern Colorado and here's what you need to know on your Thursday, September 16.

[What is Hispanic Heritage Month?](#)

Several events are scheduled throughout the month of September in Southern Colorado to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

CSU Pueblo has a special performance on campus scheduled for Friday from a ballet company from the University of Texas Rio Grande at 5:30 p.m.

The Colorado Springs Hispanic Business Council also has several events planned throughout the month including a fundraiser and luncheon.

[Pueblo libraries offering Hispanic resources](#)

If you're looking to learn more about Hispanic culture during September, the libraries district in Pueblo now has Hispanic resource centers at each of its locations.

The resources include books, music and information on how to become a U.S. citizen.

The library district will also be having a book festival that starts Thursday and will go through September 24th. You can find more information on the pueblo library district web page.

NEWS

Here are 5 things to do in Pueblo this weekend

Heather Willard The Pueblo Chieftain

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There's a range of events planned in Pueblo for the weekend, from a mixed martial arts competition at the Pueblo Convention Center to a fundraiser for the Pueblo West Firefighters Association through the annual Guns 'N Grannies event.

Check out these and more for entertainment this weekend.

Step back in time to the Medieval Faire

The Pueblo West Branch of the Pueblo City-County Library District, 298 Joe Martinez Blvd., will host [the Salida Circus as they perform A Minstrel Spectacle to Entertain the Court](#) at noon on Sept. 18.

Experience the world of William the Conquerer as he presides over his court and traveling minstrels perform feats of acrobatics, magic, snake charming, fortune telling and more. The performance will be followed by demonstrations of medieval combat, art and more by the Society for Creative Anachronism.

The event is free and will provide a free lunch to all in attendance, while supplies last, in addition to balloon animals, face painting, costume accessories and medieval crafts.

Spice up the weekend with the Atomic Autumn Festival

The Lucero Branch of the Pueblo City-County Library District, 1315 E 7th St., will host a hot event from 3-7 p.m. Sept. 17.

[The Atomic Autumn Festival](#) will feature activities like rock painting, chile ristra crafts, performances by Mr. Magic and a performance at 5:30 p.m. from Grupo Folklorico del Pueblo.

The event will also have popcorn, shaved ice, food trucks, "giant games," and hot sauce samples.

The event is free and open to all ages.