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LIBRARY CLOSED FOR CLEANING

(Elmwood Park, IL—Feb. 11, 2021) On February 10, the Elmwood Park Public Library learned that one of its staff members tested positive for the Covid-19 virus.

Other library staff members who came into "close contact" with this person as defined by the CDC have been notified that they must quarantine. **The building is now closed for cleaning, and will reopen on Monday, Feb. 15.**

The Illinois Department of Health and the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) have been notified of the case for additional action if necessary. Since its reopening in May, the library has adhered to guidelines to protect against virus transmission, including requiring staff and public to wear masks, having a temperature check, keeping a safe distance from each other, and installing safety shields between staff and patrons. In addition, high-touch surfaces are cleaned every two hours, the entire building is cleaned daily, and library materials are quarantined between checkouts.

“The Library has been able to safely serve the community due to our adherence to recommended protocols, and staff’s ability to create contactless services and limit direct assistance so members of the public can remain under the close contact threshold as much as possible,” says Library Director, Tiffany Verzani. "The Library monitors recommendations from state government and health agencies, and will adapt services as needed to continue to provide a safe environment for staff and the community."

Questions and concerns about this incidence of Covid-19 or about library safety in general may be directed to Tiffany Verzani at (708) 395-1230 or tverzani@elmwoodparklibrary.org.

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