

BUILDING STATUS IN 2020

Was the Main Library closed during most of 2020? No. Here's a brief summary of building status during the pandemic, from March 2020 through March 2021.

MARCH 12

All library buildings close. Plans for safer working and reopening begin. **Digital library expands.**

JUNE 1

Staff return to Main Library to prepare for contact-free services, beginning June 15. **Walk-up and curbside pickup available.**

JULY 22

Main Library opens for **browsing, holds pickup, item returns, computer use,** and remote printing job pickup. Delivery of items, resources, and summer reading prizes begins.

NOV 12

Staff infection closes building. Stay-at-home advisories extend closure through Dec. 15. **Digital library access 24/7.**

DEC 16

Building opens for **self-service holds pickup and item returns.**

JAN 8, 2021

Team quarantine closes building through Jan, 21; Jan. 22 building opens for **self-service holds pickup and item returns.**

MARCH 1, 2021

Main Library opens for **browsing, holds pickup, item returns, computer use,** and remote printing job pickup.

MARCH 11

The World Health Organization declares COVID-19 a **pandemic.** In the following weeks and months, Illinois mandates then extends **stay-at-home orders** and introduces its phased plan to Restore Illinois Plan (May 5).

MAY 29

Restrictions begin to loosen as Illinois enters Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan.

JUNE 26

Illinois enters Phase 4; **Chicago follows stricter guidelines.**

JULY 16

Under the Restore Illinois Plan, the state is further divided into 11 (vs. 4) regions following tiers. In suburban Cook County, **Oak Park is in Region 10, where restrictions are slower to loosen.**

NOV 13

Restrictions tighten as stay-at-home advisories are issued for Chicago and suburban Cook County. On Nov. 20, Region 10 enters and remains in Tier 3 (the most restrictive) through Jan. 9.

JAN 25, 2021

Restrictions begin to loosen as Region 10 moves to Tier 1.

FEB 2, 2021

Restrictions continue to loosen as Region 10 moves to Phase 4 and Oak Park public schools introduce hybrid learning.

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