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## **Louisville Free Public Library announces in-person computer access to resume next week, by appointment at four locations**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (August 13, 2020)** – Mayor Greg Fischer and Library Director Lee Burchfield announced plans today to re-open four Louisville libraries to in-person public computer use starting next week.

Following Governor Andy Beshear’s guidelines and in consultation with Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness, Library officials will re-open the Main Library on Monday, August 17 and the Southwest, South Central, and Northeast regionals on Tuesday, August 18, for computer use only. The browsing of books and other materials will not be permitted at this time.

**Computer access will be by appointment only** and restricted to 90 minutes per day. Limited free printing and faxing services will also be available by appointment. To make an appointment, patrons should call a participating library location starting Monday. More information can be found online at [LFPL.org/Appointment](https://www.lfpl.org/Appointment).

“The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the inequities of our current digital infrastructure and its disproportional impact on some of the most vulnerable in our community. Restoring public access to computers and digital resources is critical to addressing that issue and aiding the area’s economic recovery,” said Mayor Fischer.

The Library has reconfigured furniture, computer stations, and equipment to ensure safe physical distancing can be maintained. It has also procured sufficient personal protective equipment and sanitizing supplies and implemented enhanced cleaning protocols. Masks and temperature checks will be required to enter library facilities. The Library will have masks available for patrons who arrive without them.

“Like all retail-style organizations, our public library system must balance patron and staff safety against the need for our services,” said Library Director Burchfield. “We are confident the plan we are implementing accomplishes both.”

All Library locations have been closed to the public since March 14 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Limited curbside service of library materials began on June 1 and has now expanded to all 17 locations, six days a week. For information on the Library’s curbside pick-up service, please visit [LFPL.org/curbside](https://www.lfpl.org/curbside), or call (502) 574-1611.

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