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City of Ontario Library

## **Lewis Family Branch Library Reopened on September 8, 2020**

Lewis Family Branch Library reopened for limited services on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The library is open by appointment only, patrons can make an appointment online at [OntarioCA.gov/Library](https://OntarioCA.gov/Library). Temporary operating hours are Monday and Tuesday 10 AM – 1 PM, Wednesday and Thursday 2 PM – 6 PM. Library staff are excited to welcome back our community after being closed through the summer due to Chaffey High School District HVAC maintenance, painting and rug replacement.

Library patrons are asked to follow a COVID Code of Conduct which, includes the state-mandated wearing of face coverings for anyone age 3 and up, physical distancing of six feet between patrons, and touchless temperature taking upon entering the hallway to the building. Any patron with a temperature reading of 100 degrees or higher will be asked to return home. You will also be required to answer yes or no to two COVID related questions. Dependent upon your answer you may be asked to return home.

Library seating has been temporarily removed to prevent unintended large gatherings; patrons are being asked to limit library use to one hour only. Public computers will be available for use but limited to one hour; computers have been spaced-out to provide the suggested six feet of distance between people.

The library does request that minors entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2020-2021 school year and younger must be accompanied at all times by a person at least 18 years old. High school-aged youth are welcome to use the library unaccompanied.

Check Out, Ontario, the library's pickup service, will continue to be available to allow for contactless pickup of holds for customers who feel uncomfortable entering the library building.

The library is only able to accommodate a limited number of people inside the facility during open hours. Customers may be asked to wait outside, maintain six feet distance between themselves and other customers, and wait until asked to enter the library. Once inside the



building, customers will be asked to stay at least six feet (about two arms' length) from other people whenever possible.

The new limited services will be re-evaluated weekly, and may be adapted or changed due to federal, state, county or city guidelines and/or the reemergence or flattening of coronavirus cases. Library staff created the new services and COVID Code of Conduct based on bi-weekly virtual discussions during the closure with representatives from all 186 library jurisdictions as well as new published guidelines from the California State Library on the reopening of libraries.

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