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## Facing COVID-19

**To consider the reopening of the library in response to the revision of the "Basic Response Policy for The New Coronavirus Infection Prevention Policy"**

2020/05/05,2020/05/10 update

Although the extension of the emergency declaration based on the New Influenza Measures Act was decided, the "[Basic Policy for Measures against New Coronavirus Infection](#)", [revised](#) on May 31, and it says "museums, art museums, libraries, etc., in order to maintain a healthy life for residents, it is conceivable to open the premise that measures to prevent infection, such as the lack of infection, such as the lack of infection in the public population. It was said.

On the IFLA website, guidelines for the reopening of libraries are open to the public, which will be helpful when local governments develop action plans for the reopening of libraries in the future.

IFLA has established the "[COVID-19 and the Global Library Field](#)" and continuously disseminate information. This is updated frequently to accommodate new situations. The following items explain information about the new Coronavirus, trends in libraries around the world, how to provide services according to the stage of infection, and measures to reopen the library.

- Covid-19 and its spread
- Library closures around the world
- Manage different approaches to restrictions
- Ensure safety at home or at work
- Providing services remotely
- Managing remote work
- Relocating library resources
- Library Reopening
- Activities of associations, national libraries and library partners
- Communicating with users in different languages
- Ongoing challenges

- IFLA Activities

[The reopening libraries](#) section introduces measures in each country, such as limiting the number of users in the library, using a ticketing system for that purpose, how to distance them, thorough hygiene management, and ensuring staff safety. Currently (updated May 5, 2020) on the website, you can refer to IFLA's English-translated files with guidelines for reopening libraries in France and Germany.

- Materials from the French Library Association  
[https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/topics/libraries-development/documents/french\\_guidance\\_for\\_re-opening\\_public\\_libraries.pdf](https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/topics/libraries-development/documents/french_guidance_for_re-opening_public_libraries.pdf)
- Materials from the Library Association of Germany  
[https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/topics/libraries-development/documents/guidance\\_for\\_re-opening\\_libraries\\_dbv\\_23\\_april.pdf](https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/topics/libraries-development/documents/guidance_for_re-opening_libraries_dbv_23_april.pdf)

Overall, the library advises that only services that have been gradually secured are resumed, and warns against rushing to reopen physical buildings.

**(Note)**

The translation of "COVID-19 and the world library world" is published by translation collaborator Mr. Yoshimoto (Calil) and others as "An important source of information for libraries in response to the spread of coronavirus infection" (Japanese translation as of May 1)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ahM1nc674qbDzCc28HXUk6eplqfNHQK\\_MIXQMksAnBA/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ahM1nc674qbDzCc28HXUk6eplqfNHQK_MIXQMksAnBA/edit#).