**Basic Recommendations of the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Health for Opening Libraries**

The translation is an extract from the [Czech version](https://mail.nkp.cz/owa/redir.aspx?C=FDtgji_Ybp3XFUdt9S_cBjteepHoLBCrIzt2m8yqoOlkfPgXE-rXCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fwww.mkcr.cz%2fnovinky-a-media%2fzakladni-doporuceni-ministerstva-kultury-a-ministerstva-zdravotnictvi-pro-otevirajici-se-knihovny-4-cs3753.html).  
The Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Health recommend that libraries observe the following simple hygiene rules:

* libraries should let their visitors know about these rules, especially through leaflets available at the entrance and in the library and through the library websites;
* ensure that library staff wear gloves while handling books and other library materials;
* make sure that library staff and visitors wear face masks;
* upon entering the library the visitors have to clean their hands using disinfectants provided by the library;
* following the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment the transmission of the virus via books is rather unlikely but nevertheless it is recommended that returned books are quarantined (put in a box labelled as such) for 48 hours before letting other users borrow these materials;
* library visitors are expected to keep a two-meter distance among themselves;
* toilets for library visitors should be closed;
* the reading rooms should be closed (depending on the type of library).

Libraries are also expected to follow other instructions issued by the government – such as the those regarding events in the library (general rules for organizing events are to be used).