

Scenic Regional Closes Locations Due to COVID-19

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Steve Campbell, director of Scenic Regional Library, said in a press release that the closures of the Sullivan, Hermann and New Haven branches came after two employees were ordered by their physicians to be tested for the coronavirus.

"The employees are both exhibiting coronavirus-like symptoms," Campbell said. "The branches will remain closed while the employees' tests are pending."

Campbell said in the release that the county health department did not mandate that the library close the

branches.

"The library is closing the branches as a precaution due to its employees working in close proximity with each other, as well as directly with the public," he said.

Campbell told *The Missourian* five employees who work at Scenic Regional Library Headquarters have been sent home to quarantine in relation to this incident.

He said this is the third time the library system has had to close branches due to possible COVID-19 exposures in the last two months. In each of those cases, the employees' test came back negative.

"In the event that these tests come back positive we will work with the Franklin County Health Depart-

ment on what we do going forward and how we reopen the facilities," Campbell said.

The system's libraries have measures in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"All employees do wear masks and the public is strongly encouraged to wear masks but are not required," Campbell said.

Protective acrylic shields have been installed at all the service desks and hand sanitizer dispensers are located in the lobby of each branch. The branches have social distancing measures in place for the public and heightened cleaning procedures. All library material loaned to the public is quarantined for 72 hours before it's put back into circulation.

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After a potential COVID-19 exposure, the Sullivan branch of the Scenic Regional Library System reopened Thursday, July 23, at 9 a.m.

The library's New Haven and Hermann branches are scheduled to reopen Saturday, July 25, at 9 a.m.

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