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Two HCLS Staff Members Test Positive for COVID-19
Elkridge and Miller Branches closed Oct 10

(Ellicott City, MD) – Howard County Library System was notified today that two employees tested positive for COVID-19. The Baltimore County Department of Health is conducting contact tracing. Be advised that there are no reports that other staff or members of the public have been exposed.

HCLS branches are only open for contactless pickup of materials, and members of the public have not been in physical contact with staff.

HCLS is taking measures to ensure the safety of our team, including wearing masks at all times, maintaining physical distancing, and washing hands frequently. Out of an abundance of caution, the Elkridge and Miller Branches will be closed for cleaning Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11.

Customers who had appointments for contactless pickup during the closure may pick up their items on October 12. They do not need to schedule a new pickup time.

Customers should not be at risk as staff wear masks while handling materials. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

For more information on COVID-19, including symptoms and treatment, visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov.

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