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To whom it may concern

This letter is to confirm that library workers count as key/critical workers in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, where they are providing the essential services permitted to be provided by libraries during national restrictions. Library workers fall under the “Key public services” and “Local government” categories as local authority staff/volunteers delivering key services.

This status applies to all workers who are actively delivering library services that are COVID secure and permitted in regulations in line with the Libraries Connected [recovery toolkit](#).

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all library workers for all the vital services they are providing to their local community during this extraordinarily difficult time.

With best wishes,

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