

# July 20: REALM Project Test 2 Results



Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the question arose, “How long would COVID-19 stay viable on a variety of surfaces?” The [REALM Project](#) (REopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums) is a scientific project created to give science based answers to this question.

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On July 20, the REALM Project 2, “published the [RESULTS](#) of the second round of Battelle’s laboratory testing for COVID-19 on five commonly handled materials: braille paper pages, glossy paper pages, magazine pages, children’s board books, and archival folders.” “ Testing of additional materials is underway. The details of items being tested in sets 4 and 5, as well the results of Test Set 3, are expected by early August.”

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