



Mason County COVID-19 Response

Daily Information Release

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COVID-19 known as novel coronavirus

There are still NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Mason County. Testing is happening through the proper avenues but so far, all testing from Mason County has come back negative. More test kits have been ordered and testing of those who are symptomatic will continue. Results are received by Mason County Public Health and come directly from Washington State Department of Health.

HOW IS MASON COUNTY RESPONDING?

Mason County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- What is an EOC: An EOC is a central location where multiple agencies and jurisdictions come together to coordinate plans and efforts and help carry out management of an emergency. The EOC creates partnerships to ensure the continuity of operation for companies, political subdivisions and other organizations.
- Who is involved? All Mason County Government agencies, City of Shelton agencies, local jurisdictions such as law enforcement and fire districts, all medical facilities, all schools public and private, PUD's, tribes, and any/ other agencies or companies necessary to maintain stability and information flow for Mason County.
- What is a Joint Information Center (JIC)? A JIC is a group of agencies very similar to those participating in the EOC. Each agency would offer a Public Information Officer (PIO) or Point of Contact (POC) to share important information and together this group produces press releases and other information to share with public. The goal of this group is to collect all the information coming in and coordinate information going out. One message with the same information shared by multiple agencies and jurisdictions.

What Do Citizens Need to Know?

- Mason County does not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of this printing.
- Social distancing is highly recommended wherever possible.
- Be kind and show compassion to each other.
- Help those around you and check on those who are older or immune compromised to make sure their daily needs are being met.
- Follow CDC or State Department of Health guidelines.

Large Events and Gatherings:

- Public Locations:

- Many public locations such as county and city offices are limiting access to the public. Many agencies are still open and operable, but you must call in or use web services for access.
- Many other small businesses and non-essential organizations are temporarily closing so please check websites or call ahead.
- Several restaurants are offering delivery or door pickup/carryout options during this time. Many restaurants may offer gift certificates so we can support these businesses now and use the dine-in later. Where possible, please support these local restaurants and businesses now so they will remain long after the COVID-19 pandemic is gone.
- Upcoming Events: Mason County and all organizations are taking recommendations into consideration and many events have been cancelled or postponed. Please check specific event websites for up to date information on event schedules.

AGENCIES:

Mason County Public Health:

- There are NO confirmed cases in Mason County as of the publishing of this document.
- Social distancing is recommended. Please follow Washington State Department of Health’s guidelines. Social distancing will keep more people healthy so please try and maintaining a no-touch practice and/or keeping a distance of 6 feet or more.
- See Mason County’s website for current and accurate information:
<http://www.co.mason.wa.us/COVID-19/index.php>

Mason County Schools:

- School closures: Per proclamation by the Governor, schools are closed until 12:00 PM on April 24, 2020 unless extended beyond that date. Please visit your local school’s websites for more information.
- Meals for Children: Per proclamation by the Governor, schools shall continue to make available meals to preserve and maintain life and health for those children in need. Each school has setup a program with specific parameters. Please see school websites for more detailed information.
- Childcare is being addressed by each school. For specific guidelines check each school’s websites.
- School Websites:
 - Shelton School District:
https://www.sheltonschools.org/.../he.../coronavirus_information
 - Olympic College:
<https://www.olympic.edu/.../olympic-col.../covid-19-corona-virus>
 - Hood Canal School District:
<https://www.hoodcanal.wednet.edu/>
 - Pioneer School District:
<https://psd402.org/.../c o v i d-19 coronavirus information>
 - Mary M. Knight School District:

<https://www.marymknight.com/>

- Southside School District:
<https://southsideschool.org/for-families/health/>
- North Mason School District:
<https://www.nmsd.wednet.edu/>
- Grapeview School District:
<https://www.gsd54.org/>
- Mason County Christian School:
<http://masoncountychristianschool.org/>

Hospital and Medical Facilities:

- Important Resource Available Starting Monday, March 16:
COVID-19 Respiratory Triage Call Line - (360) 427-3615
- Change Notice - Visitors, Laboratory and Imaging
Visiting Hours have been changed to Mon – Fri: 10 am - 7 pm, Sat: 10 am - 4 pm, Sun: 10 am - 4 pm.
The Lab at the Hospital will be open from 6:30 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am to 3 pm. Saturday and Sunday.
Mason Clinic hours will remain the same, Mon – Thur. 7:30 am – 7:00 pm; Fri 7:30 am – 5:30 pm; Sat 8:00 am – 3:00 pm; closed Sun and all major holidays.
Diagnostic Imaging outpatient hours have been changed to Mon – Fri: 6:30 am – 6:30 pm and Sat/Sun: 9 am – 3 pm.
- In light of the current concerns around the COVID-19 virus, Mason Health has cancelled all community meetings and groups that meet at Mason General Hospital, Mason Clinic and MGH Hoodspout Family Clinic until June 1, 2020. Please note that this could change at any time.
The Mason General Hospital Foundation Auxiliary Gift Shop will be closed until further notice, starting Monday, March 16.
The Mason General Hospital Cafeteria will be closed to the public until further notice, starting Monday, March 16. The cafeteria will still service patients and staff. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- New Website: <https://www.masongeneral.com/about/covid-19>

WHERE DO I FIND INFORMATION?

For more information visit:

- Mason County's website <http://www.co.mason.wa.us/COVID-19/index.php>
- WA State Department of Health's website www.doh.wa.gov
- CDC's website www.cdc.gov
- Mason County Public Health Information line 360-427-9670 ext. 599
- You can also check company, business, or agency websites for details about their specific agency closures, precautions, and any actions they may be taking to protect their staff or the public.