



# Mason County COVID-19 Response

## Daily Information Release

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### **COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:**

Mason County has no new confirmed cases of COVID-19. We still only have one (1) confirmed case from March 17, 2020.

### **HOW IS MASON COUNTY RESPONDING?**

- Mason County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues to monitor resource needs and distribution.
- The Mason County Joint Information Center (JIC) is diligently working to offer helpful information specific to information affecting Mason county residents.

### **WHAT DO CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW?**

- Local businesses and restaurants throughout Mason County are struggling with loss of business. We as citizens can help support and ensure these businesses have the support needed to survive this economic turn. For details on businesses open for pickup or delivery and for their hours of operations and menu options please contact:
  - North Mason Chamber of Commerce
  - Shelton-Mason Chamber of Commerce
  - Economic Development Council of Mason County
- Most stores in Mason County and beyond are restricting purchase quantities on certain items like cleaners, toilet paper, and paper towels. Please continue to only purchase what you need so other people can also have the opportunity to purchase what they need.
- Governor Jay Inslee passed one (1) Proclamation on March 19, 2020 regarding restrictions on non-urgent medical procedures. For more information and to stay up to date, check the Governors website at:  
<https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>

### **AGENCIES:**

Mason County Public Health:

- Mason County Public Health is focusing on promoting social distancing especially in the high-risk category. Our high-risk population includes older adults and individuals with chronic medical conditions and/or an immunocompromised state that may put them at high risk for poor outcomes. (e.g., Diabetes, heart disease, receiving immunocompromised medications, chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease) High-

risk individuals should contact their provider by phone at the early onset of signs and symptoms, they may want to monitor your health more closely.

- As more testing becomes available the high-risk category patients with signs and symptoms will continue to be a priority. Be sure to respect people's wishes if requested to keep your distance, they may fall into this category and are taking proper precautions.
- See Mason County's website for current information:  
<http://www.co.mason.wa.us/COVID-19/index.php>

#### Hospital and Medical Facilities:

- Mason Health began offering a drive-through testing location for patients with symptoms of coronavirus or who are high risk. These tests are **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** and **must be pre-screened and scheduled through the Covid-19 Respiratory Triage Call Line** (360 427-3615). If the patient presents to the clinic as a walk-in, screening may be done at the clinic following the usual process at this time. At this time, we will not be accepting any patients through the new drive-through testing site who have not been pre-screened.
- New Website: <https://www.masongeneral.com/about/covid-19>

#### Mason County Schools:

- Meals for Children: Please be following your school's website, Facebook page or the County school meal mapping program for updates on free meals for kids.  
<http://mason.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=73097ed2f7fd413b9e80b44ec0de1108>

#### Mason County PUD3:

- We all have a lot on our minds right now. If you have questions about your account or service, we want to help, so you can focus on what's important. During the coronavirus emergency, PUD 3 has suspended disconnections, disconnect notices, and waived late fees.
- If you are concerned about keeping your account current, we can help you figure out how to move forward. The best thing you can do is call us at 360-426-8255 and talk about your options. We can set up payment arrangements and get you in contact with agencies that can help you with your bills.  
#pud3promise #CommunityPowered #MorePowerfulTogether
- [www.pud3.org](http://www.pud3.org)

#### 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](http://www.doh.wa.gov)
- CDC's website [www.cdc.gov](http://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.