



Mason County COVID-19 Response

Daily Information Release

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COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:

Mason County has one (1) new confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of March 23, 2020. We now have two (2) total confirmed cases in Mason County.

HOW IS MASON COUNTY RESPONDING?

- Overhead continues to expand positions within the Mason County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to maintain continuity throughout the COVID-19 response.
- Members of the Mason County Joint Information Center (JIC) are working to expand how we deliver messages and offer more resources for all community members.

WHAT DO CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW?

- President Trump **approved** a major disaster declaration for Washington State Sunday, March 22, 2020. In response, Governor Inslee issued a statement.
- Schools remain **closed** to stop germ spread from students to others and to the community. This is not like spring or summer break so please keep your kids' home and self-quarantine. **No** playdates, no sleepovers, no parties!
- Washington State Parks, Washington Fish and Wildlife, and Washington Department of Natural Resources have **closed** all state campgrounds across Washington to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- All Mason County parks, and all City of Shelton parks are **closed** to the public until further notice.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Please use soap and water to wash your hands. Please do not mix chemicals to try and make your own cleaning agents. The wrong chemical mix can cause a toxic and even deadly mix or vapor and may put you in the hospital or potentially cause death.
- Please flush only toilet paper down your toilet. The sewage systems throughout the City and Mason County are experiencing major issues and breakdowns due to non-flushable items plugging the systems.
- There has been an increase in citizens taking trash and other debris to the local transfer stations. Please consider cleaning up and creating a pile to take at a later date. If you must take your waste now, please combine loads with neighbors and only send one person per load to minimize the impact to our facility workers.

AGENCIES:

Mason County Public Health:

- Mason County Public Health will continue to follow up with our local Food Establishments.
Our goal through this shut down is to educate and support what is acceptable services that establishments can continue providing to the community. We are providing guidelines on how best to social distance while continuing to operate under the new restrictions. Please support these businesses and take necessary precautions while doing so. If your waiting in line maintain a 6-foot distance. If you have an order to pick up in-side a restaurant, consider waiting in your car until it is ready.
- See Mason County's website for current information:
<http://www.co.mason.wa.us/COVID-19/index.php>

Hospital and Medical Facilities:

- For updated information check your local medial provider or hospital's websites and Facebook pages.

Mason County Schools:

- For up to date information about your school, resources and meals, please check their websites or follow their Facebook.

Mason County PUD3:

- For up to date information, please follow PUD3 on their Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/masonpud3

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
- The Mason County Links page has been updated with more helpful links.