



# Mason County COVID-19 Response

## Daily Information Release

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

Mason County has two (2) confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of March 23, 2020.

### **REMINDER – GOVERNOR’S “STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY” PROCLAMATION:**

Monday, March 23, 2020, Governor Inslee signed Proclamation 20-25 telling all citizens affective immediately and all businesses within 48 hours to respond to his “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order. The order will last for two weeks, until midnight April 6, 2020 unless extended.

**You can find the Governor’s Proclamations Here:**

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>

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

- Your Mason County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) team will continue to manage the response to COVID-19. We are continuing our collaboration to protect, inform and provide essentials for our residents.
- Our operations team is working to build depth in our team, so we are able to sustain operations for months if necessary.
- Immediate needs are being taken care of and we are working to stay ahead of upcoming short-term needs. We are continuing to identify and plan for long-term needs as well.

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

- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Team is working long hours on a daily basis including weekend. We are here to make sure our communities throughout Mason County have their needs met.
- Information is being released as quickly as we receive it and confirm it. We are not withholding information so please be patient.
- Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is releasing their statistical numbers at the end of each day. This means our statistics are from the prior day’s information.

### **HOW CAN I HELP?**

- Be patient with everyone. We are all trying to understand and cope with our new normal. This has been hard on everyone and some people are struggling more than others. Help build each other up and encourage everyone when you talk with them on social media or on the phone.

## **AGENCIES:**

- Mason County Public Health:
- Mason County Public Health is strengthening our education and guidelines outreach for the Spanish speaking community. We are continuing to support and educate our food establishments through changes and orders that are made.
- We are highly promoting the practice of social distancing. Encouraging everyone to work with your workplace and limit your public activities to essential only. (example: medical appts., medication needs, and/or groceries.)
- This doesn't mean don't go outside, it means stay in your own space to get that fresh air. If your family needs groceries, send only 1 member, take a list so you don't forget anything and must return sooner than needed. Take sanitation precautions when returning home from those essential outings, wiping down all surfaces regularly touched. Maintain a 6-foot distance from all persons you interact with. All these practices help limit your exposure possibilities.

### City of Shelton:

- Utility services will not be shut off for non-payment while the COVID-19 pandemic is active. However, normal utility charges will continue to apply, and bills are still due on or before the due date. Customers can pay their utility bills online at [sheltonwa.gov](http://sheltonwa.gov).
- If people have questions about changes to City services, head to [sheltonwa.gov/COVID](http://sheltonwa.gov/COVID)

### Hospital and Medical Facilities:

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

### Mason County Schools:

- During the "Stay at Home" order, meals will still be provided by schools. Please continue to check school websites and Facebook pages for daily updates or any changes that may be made.

## **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
- The Mason County Links page has been updated with more helpful links.
- State Coronavirus Website: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>