



# Mason County COVID-19 Response

## Daily Information Release

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"Stay Home, Limit Travel, Save Lives"

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### COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:

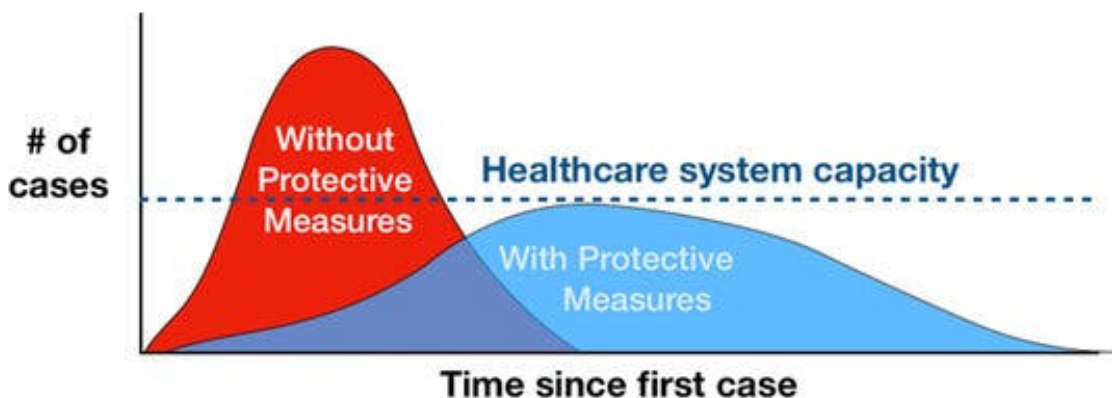
Mason County has two (2) confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of March 23, 2020.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

**It's never been more important than right now to  
"Stay Home, Limit Travel, Save Lives"**

We all have to work together, **take protective measures** and help slow the spread of COVID-19. If too many people get sick too fast, first responders and hospitals will not be able to handle the extreme increase in people needing care. Our supply shortage will run out and we won't have the supplies and equipment necessary to care for staff or patients.

The Governor asked us to stay home, social distance, and keep to our households only. By following these steps, we are **taking protective measures** and helping to slow the spread of COVID-19. By slowing the spread of COVID-19 we will be able to restock supplies and equipment before we run out. First responders will have a slower pace of emergency responses and transports. Emergency rooms and hospitals will continue to receive and treat COVID-19 cases, but they will be more spread out and manageable.



Adapted from CDC / The Economist

## HOW IS MASON COUNTY RESPONDING?

- We are working hard to support our Mason County citizens, keep you informed, and follow the Governor's orders.

## WHAT DO CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW?

- Citizens are being asked to actively participate in staying home. Please do not have friends or family over right now. Use video chats and other means of communication but please do not gather together.
- Please only go shopping when you need something. Practice social distancing while you shop.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

- Encourage family to stay home and do not allow outside visitors right now.
- Wash your hands, disinfect everything regularly, cover your cough.
- If you do go out, wash your hands, avoid touching your face, keep your distance, wash your hands again.
- Smile and wave at each other and practice kindness. **We are all in this together!**

## AGENCIES:

### Mason County Public Health:

- At Mason County Public Health, we continue to monitor, prepare, and respond to COVID-19. As many will begin to hear about the new rapid COVID-19 test, we want everyone to be aware this is still in tryout stages only in select areas and is not available in Mason County. It is initially being tested on potentially exposed front-line essential personnel. As we learn more about any testing resources, we will be sharing that information with you as soon as we can. As with any testing there is a screening process to be deemed eligible to receive COVID-19 testing.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html>

### Hospital and Medical Facilities:

- Primary Care provider leadership will make a decision when to stand up a Covid-19 Clinic. We have established a location to serve as a contingent site, which can be operational within 24 hours.

## 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/>