



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 five (5) confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of March 31, 2020.

Confirmed Case Notifications

You as a citizen have a **right to your privacy**. We have the **responsibility to protect your private information**. We will continue to notify citizens of confirmed cases in Mason County and the basic age bracket. We will not release specific information about where people with confirmed cases live within Mason County.

Currently, if you are a contact, you will be contact by Mason County Public Health.

WHAT DO CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW?

- Washington State Department of Licensing is not allowing walk-in assistance. You can call them on the phone and check their website for other options. Vehicle tabs and driver's licensing renewals can be done online but may take a little longer so plan ahead and start early.
- Utility companies are essential personnel. They are working hard to keep the lights on, maintain internet services for users, and they provide support for 911 emergency services such as dispatch.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Try planning a once a week or once every other week shopping trip to avoid daily visits to grocery stores.
- Give your neighbors a call and check in to see how they are doing. Especially those who are elderly, or health compromised.

AGENCIES:

Mason County Public Health:

- Contact tracing for all confirmed COVID-19 cases in Mason County continues.
- Follow-up for all confirmed positive COVID-19 will continue.

Hospital and Medical Facilities:

- Starting today, March 31, Mason Health patients are able to schedule phone consultations with PRIMARY CARE providers. Other service lines and video conferencing capabilities on computers and mobile devices are coming SOON! Call your provider for more details and visit our website at www.masongeneral.com/about/covid-19 for more information.
- UPDATED HOURS: Mason Clinic is now open Mon-Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and MGH Olympic Physicians is open Mon-Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **COVID-19 Respiratory Illness Triage Line 360-427-3615**

Mason County Sheriff's Office:

- Re-instituted complete jail booking restrictions. Only accepting class A, B felonies, and DV/DUI's.
- Instituted regular inmate living area sanitation protocols, which include cleaning of any frequently touched surfaces.
- Instituted daily sanitation cleaning of booking and staff frequented areas.
- Closed the lobby to the public. Visitation can only be done via remote video.
- Worked with the courts to restrict inmate transports outside the facility. 95% of the court processes are done via video.
- Installed phones in the Video Arraignment rooms to allow confidential client attorney communications. The attorneys are no longer accessing the facility.
- Suspended all non-essential internal jail programs.
- Initiated additional inmate intake medical questions and screenings. The nurse is conducting medical screenings on new arrestees prior to entering the security perimeter of the facility.
- Provided training to staff and reviewed existing medical protocols.
- Have support staff working remotely.

Shelton-Mason Chamber of Commerce:

ESD Shared Work Program

- To encourage businesses from laying off a few employees, UI encourages folks to use the Shared Work program.
- If you are reducing the hours of your employees, UI will pay for the reduced hours, so that they can still receive their full paycheck.
 - i.e. All staff is reduced to 30 hours per week. The business pays for the 30 hours worked.
 - Shared Work compensates 10 hours of pay
- Employees are compensated for a 40-hour workweek.

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.
- State Coronavirus Website: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>