



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 thirteen (13) confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the time of this release.

Positive cases are **located throughout Mason County**. Assume **everyone**, including yourself could have COVID-19 and act accordingly. Stay Home, Limit Travel, Save Lives.

Assume COVID-19 positive people are **shopping in your grocery store** and touching products and payment keypads. Assume they are **touching the gas pump and keypads** their too. Assume anywhere you go and everyone you walk by may be positive COVID-19 even if they are not showing symptoms.

SPRING BREAK:

- Next week, April 6 through April 10, 2020 is Spring Break for kids in Mason County. Family plans and vacations have all been cancelled and we are all staying home.
- Here are a couple ideas:
 - Have a small backyard campfire and roast hotdogs and marshmallows;
 - Setup a tent in the yard or in the living room for the kids;
 - Take a virtual tour of museums, zoos, and theme parks:
<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/travel/a31784720/best-virtual-tours/>
- Please remember to keep kids at home and do not host slumber parties. We understand how frustrated you and your kids may feel right now. Talk with your kids about the importance of slowing the spread of COVID-19.

NEW GOVERNOR ORDERS:

- Thursday, April 2, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee extended the "stay at home" order until Monday, May 4, 2020 at 11:59 pm.
- Schools remain closed until 12:00 pm on April 24, 2020, unless extended beyond that date.

MY BUSINESS/NON-PROFIT IS STRUGGLING:

- If you know of or are a struggling business or non-profit, resources are available to assist with payroll and other financial issues. For different grant and loan options to assist during the COVID-19 outbreak visit these websites:

- EDC: <https://www.choosemason.com/resources>
- Shelton-Mason Chamber of Commerce: <https://masonchamber.com/unemployment-and-loan-resources/>
- North Mason Chamber of Commerce: <https://northmasonchamber.com>

AGENCIES:

Mason County Public Health:

- Positive test results will likely continue coming in daily and are throughout Mason County.

Hospital and Medical Facilities:

- We are currently accepting the following donations: Medical Grade Gloves and Masks, Skullcaps or scrub caps, Other PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)
- COVID-19 Respiratory Illness Triage Line 360-427-3615

Mason County PUD 3:

- If you have concerns about paying your electricity bill, we are here to help. During the COVID-19 emergency, we've suspended disconnects, late fees, and late notices. When you get your bill for the energy you've used this month – and may have concerns about keeping your account current – please call us at 360-426-8255 to talk about your options. Another source for help is the Community Action Council at 360-426-8726. They are setting up appointments by phone and mail. Please stay healthy and stay in touch.
- Visit PUD 3's customer assistance page for more information www.pud3.org/help
- Also visit PUD 3 on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MASONPUD3/photos/a.364006740353098/2832072496879831/>

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/>