



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 fifteen (15) confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the time of this release.

Positive cases are **located throughout Mason County**. Assume **everyone**, including yourself (with or without symptoms) could have COVID-19 and act accordingly. Stay Home, Limit Travel, Save Lives.

REMINDER: ALL City and County parks are CLOSED!

CLOTH FACECOVERINGS:

Per Washington State Department of Health (DOH):

- There is limited evidence to suggest that use of cloth face coverings helps reduce disease transmission.
- However, they can reduce the release of infectious particles into the air when someone speaks coughs, or sneezes, including someone who has COVID-19 but feels well.

TEAM MASON COUNTY:

The team managing the Mason County COVID-19 Response is made up of **all local team members**. Each position is filled by a mix of **public and private** agency representatives. These include: Health, Hospitals, Law, Fire, Utilities, Chambers, City, County, and retired. All of these members are **still managing their regular 40-hour per-week day jobs** and the hours required to manage their responsibilities for this team.

WA STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE EXTENSION:

- Washington State passed a 90-day extension for some expiring driver's license. For details visit: <https://info.dol.wa.gov/driver-licenses-expiration-dates-extended-90-days/>

MY BUSINESS/NON-PROFIT IS STRUGGLING:

- If you know of or if you 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>

SPRING BREAK:

- This 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.
- 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.
- Here are a couple ideas:
 - Take a virtual tour of museums, zoos, and theme parks:
<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/travel/a31784720/best-virtual-tours/>
 - Sidewalk chalk drawings (hopscotch);
 - Ride bikes or walk in your neighborhood (maintaining proper social distancing);
 - Play card games, dice, or board games;
 - Have a small backyard campfire and roast hotdogs and marshmallows;
 - Setup a tent in the yard or in the living room for the kids.

AGENCIES:

Mason County Public Health:

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

Hospital and Medical Facilities:

- Mason Health has now restricted visitation at Mason General Hospital and the Clinics. No visitors are permitted, except for Birth Center and end-of-life patients. Mason General Hospital Visiting Hours have changed to appointment only for Birth Center and End-of-Life patients. Only one visitor permitted for the Birth Center and end-of-life patients.
- The Lab at the Hospital weekend hours change: Mon-Fri: 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat: 9 a.m. to Noon, Sun: Closed
- Mason Clinic updated hours: Mon–Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - No Saturday Hours.
- MGH Olympic Physicians updated hours: Mon–Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Diagnostic Imaging outpatient updated hours: Mon–Fri: 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat: 9 a.m. to noon, Sun: Closed
- COVID-19 Respiratory Illness Triage Line 360-427-3615

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/>