



# 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 seventeen (17) 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.

**For questions about Coronavirus you can now call 1-800-525-0127 or text "Coronavirus" to 211. This number also offers interpretation by pressing # when the operator answers and say your language.**

### **MASON COUNTY INFORMATIONAL VIDEOS:**

- The Mason County Joint Information Center (JIC) has been producing information videos with more to come. Currently these videos are available to watch and share through the Mason County All Hazard News Facebook Page. You will find videos on:
  - Learn about the Mason County COVID-19 Response Area Command team
  - Mason County Drive-Through Testing Site at Mason Health
  - Mason County Contact Investigation tracking

### **BUSINESS/NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE:**

- New, **\$10,000 emergency funding program**. This is a **Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant program** available to small businesses with up to 10 employees. For more information on eligibility and for the application visit Washington State Department of Commerce at <http://startup.choosewashingtonstate.com/covid-grants/>
- 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>

### **AGENCIES:**

#### Hospital and Medical Facilities:

- Mason Health is now accepting donations of cloth masks and we are also now requesting pediatric masks. To donate, send an email to [foundation@masongeneral.com](mailto:foundation@masongeneral.com).

- All Patients/Visitors must wear a mask when entering Mason Health facilities.
- Anticoagulation services and pregnancy ultrasounds have been relocated to the former MGH Surgery Clinic at 1710 N. 13th Street in Shelton. Please schedule any appointments for these services as usual.
- COVID-19 Respiratory Illness Triage Line 360-427-3615; Telehealth Services now offered for Primary Care and Behavioral Health – visit our COVID-19 webpage for more details.
- District (Hospital and Clinics) visiting hours are restricted and by appointment only for Birth Center and End-of-Life patients. Only one visitor permitted.
- For up-to-date Hospital and clinic hours changed, please visit our website at [www.masongeneral.com](http://www.masongeneral.com) or on the following social media platforms – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.
- Birth Center patients – Please follow the signs on the north side of the building (Emergency Department side). Call 360-427-9558 before your arrival. One visitor allowed. Masking is required.
- COVID-19 Respiratory Illness Triage Line 360-427-3615

#### Mason County Public Health:

As Mason County is finally getting to enjoy the warmer temperatures and beautiful sun that's out, it also brings allergies to a lot of residents. With COVID-19 that's already on everyone's mind, someone suffering from allergies may be struggling with distinguishing between allergy symptoms and COVID-19 symptoms. They can be similar but please don't panic, there are a few differences between the two. Allergy symptoms often include runny nose, sore throat, and sneezing, and are less common with COVID-19. Some also experience a dry cough or shortness of breath; these symptoms are more common with COVID-19. COVID-19 symptoms include a fever of 100.4°F or greater in most cases. Any signs of a fever or shortness of breath should be taken seriously, and you should follow up with a call to your provider or the respiratory triage line (360)427-3615. Most people that may get COVID-19 may not show signs and symptoms. That is why everyone needs take necessary precautions, please cover all coughs and sneezes, wash your hands, and practice social distancing. Also be kind, a sneeze does not mean someone has COVID-19.

#### 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/>