



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 eighteen (18) 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.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter is this Sunday, April 12, 2020. Please make sure your family continues to follow the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Safe order. Get outside in your yard to hunt for eggs with your kids. Set up a video chat or phone call with family to help celebrate. Many churches are offering live stream events if you are interested. There are many online printable coloring pages.

FOREST FESTIVAL RESCHEDULED:

- The Mason County Forest Festival has rescheduled for later in the summer. The Forest Festival will host a one-day event on Saturday, August 1, 2020. Although this event will be a smaller version of the typical festival, we are excited to continue with 76 years of annual tradition in Mason County. For more information please see the Forest Festival's website at www.masoncountyforestfestival.org or see their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/masoncountyforestfestival/

SHELTON CAR SHOWOFF CANCELED:

- The 2020 Shelton Car Showoff scheduled for May 31, 2020 is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Car Showoff will resume in 2021.

UNEMPLOYMENT QUESTIONS:

- For **questions about Unemployment** and how the processes work, please visit the Chamber of Commerce websites for more information.

OLYMPIC NATIONAL FOREST:

- The Olympic National Forest is offering free personal use firewood permits for up to 4 cords of wood. Permits will be valid until June 1, 2020. For more details or to apply for a free use firewood permit, contact the Forest Supervisor's Office at 360-956-2402. Permits are subject to wood availability.

FARMWORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL:

- Farmworkers to include those employed in animal food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; truck delivery and transport; farm and fishery labor needed to produce our food supply domestically. (per Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chief's)

BUSINESS/NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE:

- **Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant program** available to small businesses. 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:

- COVID-19 Respiratory Illness Triage Line 360-427-3615

Mason County Public Health:

- Public Health will be monitoring for any newly reported cases during the weekend. Public Health will also continue to monitor all cases previously reported in Mason County.
- Washington State Department of Health is changing their data reporting and tracking. They will no longer be able to provide the total number of tests per county but instead will focus on positive test results, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID-19.

Mason County Transit Authority (MTA):

- Beginning Monday, April 13, 2020, the **MTA route to and from Olympia is suspended** due to The Olympia Transit Center closure. Dial-A-Ride services will be used to fulfill those essential trips to and from Olympia. Please call the customer service line Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 360-427-5033 to set up your rides.

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/>