



# 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 nineteen (19) 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.

### **CONFLICTING NUMBERS:**

Washington State Department of Public Health reports positive test results for COVID-19 in the County where a person lives.

- Mason County has many residents who are active "snowbirds" that live outside of Mason County, even Washington State, during the winter months. They may test positive to COVID-19 in another state, but their positive test result would count in Mason County if this is their primary residential address.
- Many Mason County residents are active military and are stationed outside of Washington State and could potentially test positive to COVID-19. When this occurs, their positive COVID-19 test result would be reported as a positive test result in Mason County.
- Mason County may also have "residents" who are incarcerated outside of our county. These "residents" may test positive for COVID-19 and again, could be counted as a positive result for Mason County if their last known residential address was here.

### **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE:**

#### *PROCLAMATION:*

- The "Stay Home, Stay Health" order is still scheduled to end on May 4, 2020.
- Proclamation 20-46, High-Risk Employees – Workers' Rights gives further direction employers of how to support high risk employees as that term is described or defined in guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This takes effect until 11:59 pm, June 12, 2020. Please read the entire proclamation for more details, <https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>

#### *RECOVERY:*

- Monday, April 13, 2020, Governor Inslee announced that Washington, Oregon, and California will be working together to build a West Coast Framework. This is a "shared approach for reopening our economies – one that identifies clear indicators for

communities to restart public life and business.” To read more visit:  
<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/washington-oregon-and-california-announce-western-states-pact>

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT QUESTIONS:**

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

#### **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/>

#### **AGENCIES:**

Hospital and Medical Facilities:

- Mason Health has expanded **telehealth services** in support of patients’ health care. Patients can schedule phone consultations and video conferencing with their primary care, behavioral health and specialty providers. Contact your provider for more information -- and check <https://www.masongeneral.com/services/telehealth> for updates.
- 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).
- If you believe you have symptoms of COVID-19, call our Respiratory Illness Triage Line at 360-427-3615.
- Mason Health also offers Drive Thru COVID-19 Testing. You must call the Respiratory Illness Triage Line before coming to MGH for testing.
- For up-to-date medical service line updates, Hospital and clinic hours changes, visit our website at [www.masongeneral.com](http://www.masongeneral.com) or our social media platforms – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.
- 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](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/>