



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 twenty-two (22) 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, STAY HEALTHY ORDER STILL ACTIVE:

We want to remind everyone that Governor Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order is still in place until 11:59 PM on Monday, May 4, 2020. This means non-essential businesses, parks, and other public gathering locations remain closed to the public. Our Information Team has been monitoring all Governor media advisories and proclamations as they are posted

We need to remember that despite the decrease in positive test results, we need to stay the course and continue to follow physical distancing and hygiene guidelines. In Mason County, we have seen the number of positive test results slow to a halt since the last week. We still need to remember that the number of reported cases in our county is only a snapshot of what is happening with the virus in our region. Even as expanded testing is made available to Mason County, we need to remember we will never have a 100 percent picture of everything that has happened in our community disease-wise.

RECOVERY PLANNING:

While we don't know what Governor Inslee's plan is for reopening Washington, we are continuing to support local businesses and citizens. Schools are not reopening this year but are hard at work teaching our kids through distant learning online or printed school packets. Kids lunches are being delivered or are available for pickup each day throughout our county. The North Mason and Shelton-Mason Chamber of Commerce along with the Mason County Economic Development Council has been helping local businesses through grants, loans, and other programs available through the State and Federal Government. Banks have continued to work with small businesses to assist them with their loan applications. Restaurants have changed their services, and many now offer curb-side pickup or even delivery.

We as a community have pulled together, changed our behaviors, lifted each other up and we have helped to curve the line and plateau the number of cases in Washington State. Thank you to everyone for your hard work, dedication, support, and participation. Each of you are making a difference!

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE/INFORMATION:

- If you know of or are a struggling business or non-profit, resources are available to assist with 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>

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
- State Coronavirus Website: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>