



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. Saturday, April 25, 2020 we had our first COVID-19 related death from Mason County.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE/INFORMATION:

- The US Congress passed an additional \$484 billion in emergency coronavirus aid late Sunday afternoon, April 26, 2020, replenishing the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans for small businesses and nonprofits (which can be forgivable). The Congressional deal includes \$321 billion in additional funding for the PPP. The bill has been signed into law and the US Small Business Administration (SBA) will re-open the PPP loan application portal on Monday morning, April 27, at 7:30 am Pacific Time. Given the demand for these funds, we expect the new funding will be exhausted just a few days.
- **Did you already apply to the PPP program, and have a stalled loan, or do want to apply?** If so, please fill out the brief survey linked below so 501 Commons can match you with:
 - available lenders including the nonprofit National Development Council (NDC), an approved SBA lender;
 - application assistance to get stalled loans through the process;
- These services are *free*, but you need to act immediately to be in the queue to receive funds.
- **Please complete the [Federal Loan Access Survey](#)**
- If you know of or are a struggling business or non-profit, there are many resources 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>

OPTIONAL MASK AND GLOVE USAGE:

- Per CDC's website, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>
 - It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-foot social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. CDC is additionally advising the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have

the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

- Per CDC's website, <https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/providers/index.html>
 - Wear **gloves**, according to Standard Precautions, when it can be reasonably anticipated that contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials, mucous membranes, non-intact skin, potentially contaminated skin or contaminated equipment could occur.
 - **Gloves** are not a substitute for hand hygiene.

PHASE ONE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION JOB SITES:

- There is a lot of job site requirement to participate in Phase 1 return to work. Each job site needs to have a Safety Plan, a designated COVID supervisor (when 7 or more workers on site), specific COVID training prior to each days' work, documentation and PPE requirements, established wash station availability, and pre-screening employees entering a job site through health questionnaire and temperature check (w/thermometer on site or self-disclosure home monitoring).
- This link summarizes Phase 1 requirements for construction job sites that the governor's proclamation opened up to return last Friday, as well as editable plan documents for contractors. https://biaw.com/jobsite_safety
- The second link is the information video acknowledging requirements and materials in the first link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MwtXUejbss&feature=youtu.be>

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/>
- Governor Inslee's Proclamations: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>