



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-three (23) 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.

GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION UPDATE:

Proclamation 20-25.2 – Adjusting Stay Home – Stay Healthy to May 4, 2020

As of April 27, 2020, in order to prepare for re-opening on May 5, 2020, all employees necessary to operate and maintain day-use activity and trails, including those in state parks and state public lands, state hunting and fishing operations, golf operations, and day-use activities and trails in other public parks and public lands are authorized to return to work; and As of May 5, 2020, the following outdoor recreational activities, when and where permitted, are authorized to commence so long as participants fully comply with the social distancing and coronavirus related hygiene requirements found here, such as:

- Recreational hunting, fishing, and boating
- Outdoor exercise, including hiking, running, walking and biking
- Golfing
- Day-use activities at public parks and public lands

All other provisions of Proclamation 20-25 and 20-25.1 shall remain in full force and effect.

May 5th Hunting & Fishing Slow Reopen

- ✓ Boat Launches Open
- ✓ Wildlife Areas Open
- ✓ Recreation Land Open
- ✓ Freshwater Fisheries Open
(except Columbia River Salmon)
- ✓ Puget Sound Open (Marine Areas 5-13)
(salmon, halibut, shrimp and intertidal shellfish will reopen when monitoring staff return)
- ✗ Coastal Saltwater Closed (Marine Areas 1-4)
(closed to fishing and shellfish harvesting)
- ✓ Local Hunting for Turkey & Spring Bear Open
(turkey season will close May 31, bear season extended to June 30)

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*While many state-managed land destinations are open for day-use, other local and federal land may still be closed. Opt for day trips close to home. Please buy gear and supplies from stores within your own community and enjoy the outdoors with immediate household members only.

MASON COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS:

- With this, Mason County Parks and Trails Department will be opening County owned boat launches at dawn on May 5th. Mason County Parks & Trails will also be opening County access points to reopened State licensed recreational activities.
- Team sports and facilities (bathrooms and playgrounds) will remain closed due to continued coronavirus restrictions. Personal and social responsibility as well as social distancing is encouraged and appreciated while using the County parks. Remember, “Pack it in and pack it out”.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

- Our local law enforcement wants to remind citizens to **slow down when driving**. Recently there has been an increase in speed related collisions. Law enforcement campaigns for speeding and reckless driving continue throughout Mason County. Please slow down to reduce the risk of injury or death. The life you save could be yours or your families.

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>