



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.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

Ready to get outside in a physically distanced way? Here are some tips:

- If you feel sick at all, even a little bit, you need to stay home. Wait until you feel better.
- Gatherings are still prohibited. You can only play golf with one person outside your own household, and you still need to stay six feet away from each other. You can fish or hunt or go to the park with people in your own household, but not with your other friends or family just yet.
- Spend your time outside far away from other people. If you are temporarily unable to be at least six feet away from others, wear a cloth face covering.
- Do not travel to outdoor recreation areas. Enjoy the outdoors that is closer to your home. Overnight trips and camping are still prohibited.

Bathrooms may not be open yet at all locations, especially at parks and other areas that were closed for the winter. You are still going to have to wash your hands, though. Bring water and soap with you and don't forget to scrub for 20 seconds. May as well throw some hand sanitizer and toilet paper in your backpack too

MASON COUNTY PUD3:

- Mason PUD 3 has good news for customers concerned about keeping their electricity bill current. The Department of Commerce is sending \$9 million in COVID-19 crisis funding to Community Action Agencies throughout the state for rent and energy assistance. About 5,000 eligible households all over Washington will be helped.
- To see if you qualify for the "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program," visit the Community Action Council of Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties at 360-426-9726 or on the web: www.caclmt.org.
- If you have any questions about your bill or status of your account, don't hesitate to contact our customer service representatives at 360-426-8255. Visit PUD 3's customer assistance page for more information www.pud3.org/help.
- <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/news-releases/community-grants/commerce-provides-9-million-in-rent-and-energy-assistance-to-serve-estimated-5000-low-income-households/>

SHELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT:

- We now have three parking lot WiFi access areas at Bordeaux Elementary, Evergreen Elementary, and Shelton High School where families can park their cars to access free WiFi. Visit: https://www.sheltonschools.org/departments/technology/remote_learning_technology_guide.
- In addition to the four meal distribution sites at Bordeaux Elementary, Evergreen Elementary, Olympic Middle School, and Shelton High School, we now have two designated community meal distribution sites. A school bus will be parked at the entrance to Fawn Lake (Cole Road) AND Oak Park (Brockdale Road), Monday - Friday, from 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM.

MASON HEALTH:

- The Lab at Mason General Hospital has returned to its regular hours: Mon-Fri: 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Sat/Sun/Holidays: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Diagnostic Imaging at Mason General Hospital has returned to regular hours. Mon-Fri: 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat/Sun/Holidays: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Visit www.masongeneral.com/services/diagnostic-imaging for more detailed hours on specific procedures.
- Mason Health is offering Telehealth visits and COVID-19 Drive Thru testing for patients. Visit our website or social media site for telehealth information or call the COVID-19 Respiratory Triage call Line at (360) 427-3615 to inquire about testing for COVID.

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>