



# 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-eight (28) total confirmed cases of COVID-19, six (6) cases are active, with one (1) COVID-19 related death from Mason County at the time of this release.

### **CURRENT SAFE START STATUS:**

On Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Washington Secretary of Health John Wiesman approved five (5) counties for an early move to the next phase of reopening. More information and details were released on how determinations are made. A map is included to help visualize what counties are in what phase of recovery throughout Washington State.

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/covid-19-county-variance-application-process>

### **MASON COUNTY CURRENTLY IN PHASE I:**

## What Can Be Open

while following industry-specific guidelines

- All Essential Businesses
- In-Progress Residential Construction
- State Parks
- Elective Surgeries
- Vehicle and Vessel Sales
- Pet Walkers
- Landscaping
- Drive-In Religious Services
- Curbside Retail Sales
- Car Washes

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PAST:**

Smallpox was the first disease to be eradicated from the earth and the first disease we had a vaccine for. Smallpox was spread when people coughed or sneezed and droplets from their nose or mouth spread to other people.

In the last 1700s a vaccine was developed and only then were individuals protected from smallpox.

It also took worldwide cooperation and support. There were partnerships in sharing good information and reporting accurate new case information and conducting contact tracing. The willingness to help one another no matter where you lived or what phase of the disease your community was in was how people were able to support each other and survive.

*\*Information provided by Washington State Department of Health.*

#### **MASON HEALTH:**

- At Mason Health, your caregiver is available to see you for non-urgent acute and chronic conditions. Visits are available in person, over the phone and through audio/visual technology. Please call your provider, Mason Clinic at 360-426-2653 or go to [www.masongeneral.com](http://www.masongeneral.com) to schedule an appointment.
- If you believe you have symptoms of COVID-19, call our Respiratory Illness Triage Line at 360-427-3615, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. After hours, call 911 for an emergency or your provider's office. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, fever, headaches, sore throat, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, and loss of taste or smell.
- During COVID-19, the Arcora Foundation and the Washington State Dental Association are partnering to ensure people can receive urgent dental care. Dental care is available for urgent and emergency care. Contact your dentist and if you cannot reach them, call or text DentistLink at 844-888-5465 or visit <https://dentistlink.org>. Learn more about urgent oral health care at <https://wp.me/a94A2N-1dj> or about oral health education resources, including oral health messaging in telehealth visits, at <https://wp.me/a94A2N-1di>.

\*\*\*Please note we will be leading by example by masking, social distancing, and limiting the number of people gathered and in attendance\*\*\*

#### **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
- State Coronavirus Website: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>
- Governor Inslee's Proclamations: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>