



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-nine (29) 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.

A written formal request was submitted for Mason County to have a variance to move to phase 2. The request was submitted at 8:22 am this morning, May 12, 2020. Within 30 minutes, a verbal response of no was received from Washington State Secretary of Health, John Wiesman. We are requesting a formal written response to include the reasonings why Mason County was denied the variance.

WASHINGTON COUNTIES SAFE START STATUS:

- **Mason County** is **in phase one** of the Safe Start reopening process.
- There are eight (8) counties **in phase two** of the Safe Start reopening process: **Columbia, Garfield, Lincoln, Ferry, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Stevens and Wahkiakum.**
- There is one (1) county that has **applied to move to phase two** of the Safe Start reopening process and is still under review: **Kittitas**
- There are two (2) **eligible counties that has not applied to move to phase two** of the Safe Start reopening process: **Grays Harbor and Jefferson**
- More information and details are being shared by the Governor's office on how determinations are made.
- An interactive map is available 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>

COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDANCE FOR BUSINESSES AND WORKERS:

For the latest COVID-19 information and resources visit coronavirus.wa.gov. On May 4th, 2020 Governor Inslee signed Proclamation 20-25.3 and outlined the "Safe Start" plan, a phased approach to re-open Washington's economy. Under the plan, businesses and activities will re-open in phases with adequate social distancing measures & health standards in place.

Businesses may also need to meet additional requirements developed specifically for their industry.

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers>

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 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
- 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>