



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, five (5) cases are active, with one (1) COVID-19 related death from Mason County at the time of this release.

WASHINGTON COUNTIES SAFE START STATUS:

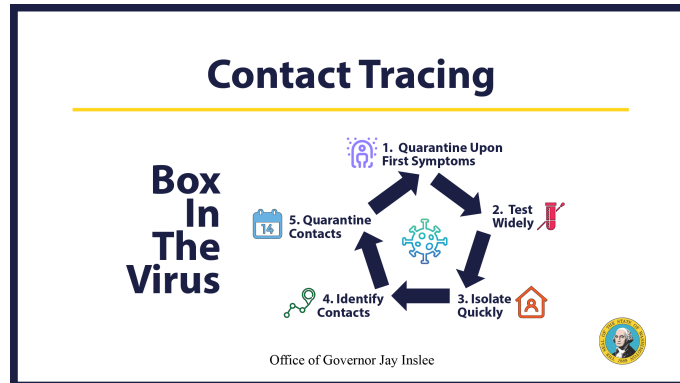
- **Mason County** is **in phase one** of the Safe Start reopening process. Our variance request was denied but we are asking Washington Department of Health for further guidance go be approved.
- There are eight (8) counties **in phase two** of the Safe Start reopening process: **Columbia, Garfield, 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 have 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>

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CONTACT TRACING AT MASON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

- Contact tracing is used in the Public Health sector on a daily bases for multiple communicable diseases.
- Mason County Public Health has a team of RN's that have years of experience doing contact tracing.
- We have a secondary team of trained contact tracing Public Health Staff ready to be utilized if positive cases increased significantly.
- The contact tracing process was immediately applied to the COVID-19 virus cases in Mason County.

GOVERNOR INSLEE LAUNCHED A STATEWIDE CONTACT TRACING PROGRAM:



- Contact Tracing Privacy:
 - Data is only accessible to public health professionals
 - It will not be shared with anyone else.
 - Contacts will not be told the name of the person who may have exposed them to COVID-19.
- Contact Tracers:
 - By the end of the week, we will have 1371 contact tracers trained and ready
 - 351 – National Guard
 - 390-Dept. of Licensing
 - 630-State/Local Health Professionals
- For more information visit: <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-contact-tracing-initiative-e8cc76da1e8c>

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. Mason Health has put significant safety measures in place to protect patients and keep you safe and healthy while visiting us for your health needs. Learn more at www.masongeneral.com.
- 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.

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>