



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 thirty (30) 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 to 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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DIRECTIVE OF THE GOVERNOR, 20-05:

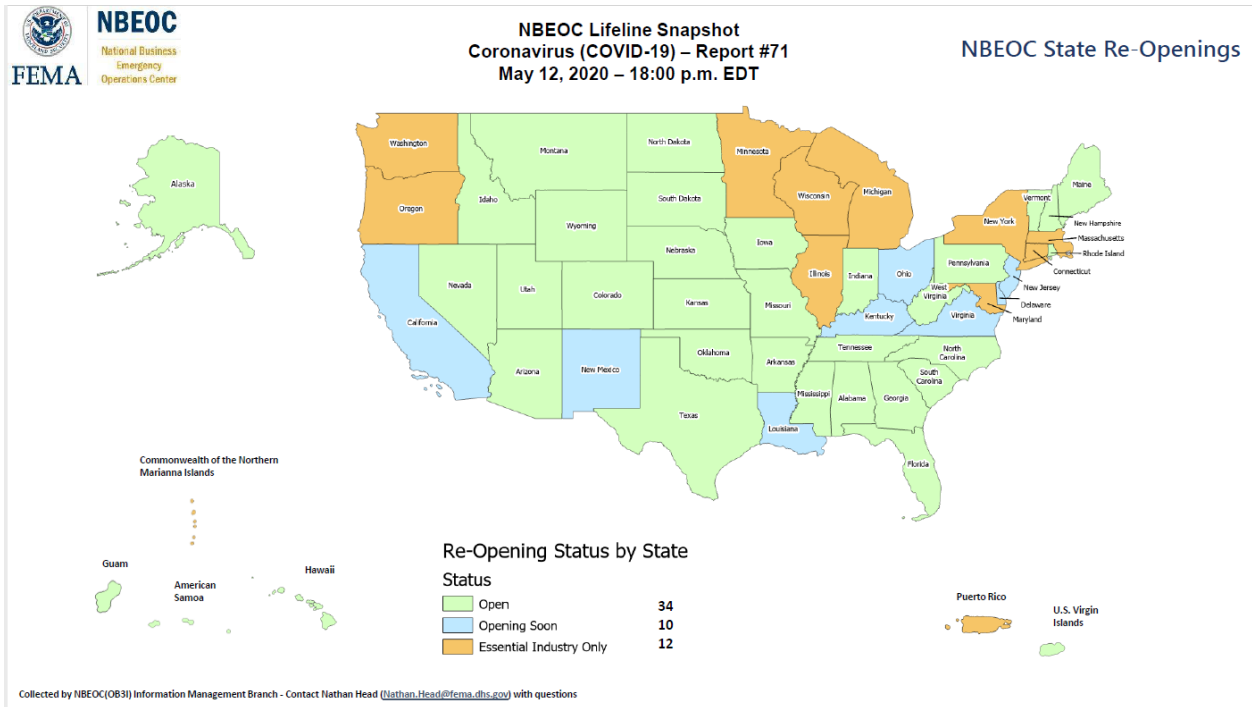
Subject: Freezing Hiring, Personal Services Contracts, and Equipment Purchases

- Gov. Jay Inslee issued a directive to executive and small cabinet agencies today to freeze all hiring, personal service contracts and equipment purchases. The directive aims to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Washington's economy and financial outlook.
- Exemptions from the directive will be granted if needed for filling vacancies in critical areas or personal service contracts or equipment purchases are necessary to continue critical service or operations. The governor also calls upon higher education institutions, boards and commissions, and other separately elected officials to impose similar restrictions.
- "While this is not going to be easy, I ask each agency to use common sense, good judgment and creativity to accomplish the ultimate goal of this directive: to capture

immediate savings through spending reductions not related to the public safety and essential health and welfare of Washingtonians," the directive states.

- The directive is effective May 18, 2020.
- For more information visit: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-directive-state-agencies-freeze-hiring-personal-service-contracts-and>

NBEOC LIFELINE SNAPSHOT:



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>