



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-three (33) total confirmed cases of COVID-19, eight (8) cases are active, with one (1) COVID-19 related death from Mason County at the time of this release.

UNEMPLOYMENT:

Due to unemployment fraud, payments are being delayed by two (2) days to give staff time to verify the recipients are current, qualified recipients rather than a fraudulent claim.

Information you will need to provide when reporting benefit fraud:

- Your full name
- Last 4 numbers of your Social Security number (never put your full SSN in an email)
- Your address
- Your date of birth
- Brief description of how you found out an imposter-fraud claim was filed using your information
- Please let us know: If an imposter-fraud claim was filed using your information, do you give us permission to deny and cancel it?

Steps you can take if you believe you are a victim of fraud:

- Go to the FTC identity theft website: www.identitytheft.gov for great resources on reporting
- Request your free credit reports via www.annualcreditreport.com and review them for other fraudulent activities
- Go to atg.wa.gov/recovering-identity-theft-or-fraud for additional tips from the Washington State Attorney General

Fraud can also be reported by phone to the Office of Special Investigations.

Please note: We are receiving an extremely high number of calls and the fastest way to report fraud is with the form above.

Toll-free
800-246-9763

Fax
833-572-8423 (Western Washington)

Employers:

Employers can report fraud on behalf of their employees by:

- Download the Benefit Fraud Employer Reporting Template
- Enter the requested information for the affected employees
- Complete the form and upload the template on our Employer Fraud Reporting Page.

Download an informational poster for your workplace in English and Spanish.

For more information please visit Washington State Unemployment's Website at:
<https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/unemployment-benefits-fraud>

MASON COUNTY PUD 3:

Here's information about where customers can report PUD 3 power outages and monitor for the progress of restoration:

- **Mason PUD 3 has a 24-hour number to report outages: 360-426-8255**
- Customers can report outages online at my.pud3.org or by using the PUD 3 SmartHub smartphone app.
- Customers may monitor outage information and restoration progress at:
- Facebook: <https://facebook.com/MASONPUD3/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/pud3>
- Online Outage Map: www.pud3.org/outagemap
- Outage reporting information and preparation tips on the PUD 3 website:
- <https://www.pud3.org/service/when-the-power-goes-out>

SBA RELEASES PPP LOAN FORGIVENESS APPLICATION AND DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:

- The SBA, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application.
- The form and instructions inform borrowers how to apply for forgiveness of their PPP loans, consistent with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).
- The SBA will soon issue regulations and guidance to further assist borrowers as they complete their applications, and to provide lenders with guidance on their responsibilities.
- For more information visit: <https://www.sba.gov/document/sba-form--paycheck-protection-program-loan-forgiveness-application>

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>