



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.

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 ten (10) counties **in phase two** of the Safe Start reopening process: **Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Lincoln, Ferry, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Stevens, Wahkiakum and Whitman.**
- 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>

***Information last updated May 18, 2020*

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.

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)

For more information please visit Washington State Unemployment's Website at:

<https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/unemployment-benefits-fraud>

WASHINGTON SAFE START:

Today, May 19, 2020, all dental offices are authorized to open for all services so long as they follow all required safety protocols to protect from COVID-19.

MASON HEALTH:

- 112 HOSPITALS SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE! MASON HEALTH AND WASHINGTON STATE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION URGE PATIENTS TO CONTINUE SEEKING CARE: Mason Health has teamed up with more than 100 hospitals across the state to support the launch of Washington State Hospital Association's (WSHA) campaign urging members of our communities not to put their health care on pause during the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn more about the collaborative campaign to encourage our patients and community members seek medical care, visit our website or any of Mason Health's social media platforms. Links: <https://www.wsha.org/for-patients/getcare/> and <https://www.masongeneral.com/about/covid-19> and <https://www.masongeneral.com/about/press-releases/2020/112-hospitals-speak-with-one-voice-mason-health-and-washington-state-hospital-association-urge-patients-to-continue-seeking-care>
- 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 or Mason Clinic at 360-426-2653. 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>