



# Mason County COVID-19 Response

## Daily Information Release

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### **COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:**

Mason County has thirty-three (33) 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.

### **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:**

Help us remember and honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Let us all give thanks by sharing a picture on social media of someone who served or is currently serving our country. Help us honor those by **celebrating safely** and remember to **recreate responsibly**.

### **EARLY TESTING FOR COVID-19:**

If you or a family member is showing any symptoms for COVID-19, please reach out immediately to the Respiratory Illness Triage Line at 360-427-3615. They can assist you and your family in scheduling an appointment at Mason Health’s Drive Thru COVID-19 Testing. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

### **WASHINGTON COUNTIES SAFE START STATUS:**

- **Mason County** is still **in phase one** of the Safe Start reopening process. Our County is finalizing our proposed plan and documentation to apply to move to phase II.

- 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*

### **SHELTON SCHOOLS:**

In honor of Memorial Day:

- Meals will not be served on Monday, May 25th. Extra food will be given out on Friday, May 22nd.
- Packet pick-ups will take place on Tuesday, May 26th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

### **MASON HEALTH:**

- 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 educating patients about the safety measures put in place at community health systems and urging the 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 educate our patients and community members to safely seek medical care, visit our website or any of Mason Health's social media platforms. Learn more at <https://www.wsha.org/for-patients/getcare/> and <https://www.masongeneral.com/about/covid-19> and at this link - [WSHA and Mason Health Press Release](#)
- 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](http://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](http://www.doh.wa.gov)
- CDC's website [www.cdc.gov](http://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>