



Mason County COVID-19 Response

Daily Information Release

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COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:

Mason County has thirty-five (35) total confirmed cases of COVID-19, three (3) cases are active, with one (1) COVID-19 related death from Mason County at the time of this release.

TESTING AT LONG-TERM HEALTHCARE FACILITIES:

In February 2020, when we first recognized that COVID-19 was here in Washington State, Mason County Public Health has partnered with our Mason County long-term healthcare facilities to ensure the safety of our facility staff and residents. Those living in long-term healthcare facilities fall into the highly vulnerable group of citizens. Governor Inslee has given multiple directives to maintain the health and safety of staff and residents and to prevent any outbreaks.

By order of Governor Inslee, all long-term healthcare facility staff and residents are being tested for COVID-19. In response to the Governor’s order, testing has begun in skilled nursing facilities in Mason County. Yesterday, we received one positive test result for a resident who lives in a Mason County skilled nursing facility. In this round of testing, all other staff and residents in this facility have been tested and are negative on their COVID-19 test results. This resident is on strict isolation precaution, is in a private room, and is asymptomatic (no symptoms). The resident’s and their family members have all been notified.

All staff members have been using personal protective equipment to minimize the spread of the virus. The facility has continued to follow all CDC and CMS guidelines for screening, testing, infection control, and staff education to ensure the safety of residents, staff, and the community.

Since the resident is isolated with no external contact and has no symptoms, a secondary test has been conducted to confirm the accuracy of the initial COVID-19 test. Mason County Public Health is working with Washington State Department of Health Strike Teams to review all infection control measures.

FOOD DELIVERY IN MASON COUNTY:

Food Lifeline began deliveries of Emergency Boxes to Mason County on April 30th, 2020. We have nine partners that provide food assistance within Mason County. The nine partners are: Community Food Pantry, Hood Canal Food Bank, Mason County Senior Activities (Meals on Wheels), North Mason Coalition of Community and Churches, North Mason Food Bank, Senior Services for South Sound – Shelton, Squaxin Island Tribe Food Bank, The Saints' Pantry Food Bank

To date:

148 Pallets of Emergency Food	(5,920 Boxes) (@135,600 lbs. of food)
30 Pallets of emergency Food	(1,500 Boxes) (@30,000 lbs. of food)
2 Pallets of Mixed Produce	(56 Boxes) (@1,400 lbs. of food)
180 Pallets	(7,476 Boxes) (@167,000 lbs. of food)

WASHINGTON COUNTIES SAFE START STATUS:

- **Mason County** is currently in phase two of the Safe Start reopening process.
- **26 Counties approved to move to Phase II:** Adams, Asotin, Clallam, Columbia, Cowlitz, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Kitsap, Kittitas, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Pacific, Pend Orielle, San Juan, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whitman
- **1 Counties eligible to submit a variance application:** Klickitat.
- The application from Clark County remains on pause due to an outbreak investigation.
- 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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MASON HEALTH:

- 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, including alternate care sites for our most vulnerable patients. To learn more about our collaborative campaign with the Washington State Hospital Association 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.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. 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

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>