



Mason County COVID-19 Response

Daily Information Release

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COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:

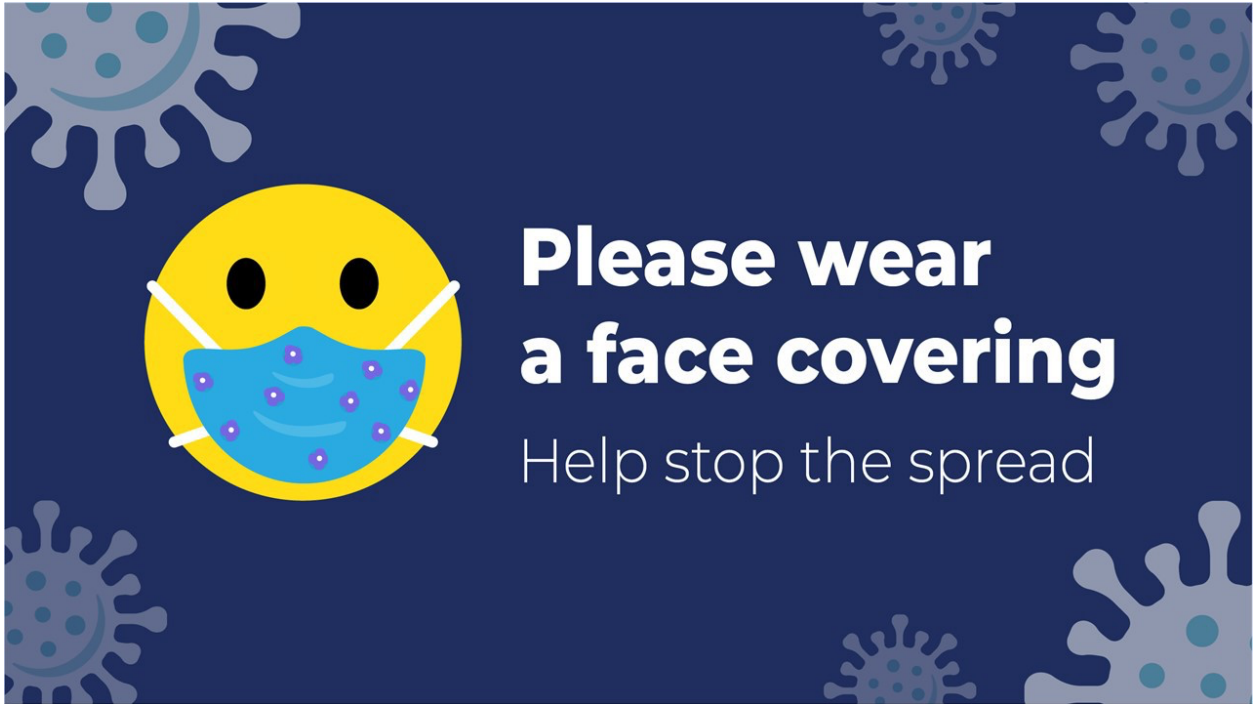
Mason County has thirty-six (36) total confirmed cases of COVID-19, three (3) cases are active, with one (1) COVID-19 related death from Mason County at the time of this release.

NEW COUNTY-BASED, SAFE START PLAN:

- The plan outlines new targets and metrics for containing COVID-19 activity and how counties can apply to the state Department of Health with a plan to safely reopen additional sectors of public life. The secretary of health may approve a county moving in whole to the next phase or may only approve certain activities in the next phase. For more information visit:
https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/Safe%20Start%20-%20Washington%20Phased%20Reopening_FINAL.pdf
- Governor Inslee amended and re-issued Proclamation 20-25.4, Transition from “Stay Home – Stay Healthy” to “Safe Start – Stay Healthy” County-By-County Phased Reopening.
- Governor Inslee amended and re-issued Proclamation 20-28.4, Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act. These changes are listed in detail in the proclamation and will end June 17, 2020.
- To view this proclamation visit: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>.

NEW BUSINESS FACEMASK REQUIREMENTS TAKE JUNE 8, 2020:

- Beginning June 8, all employees will be required to wear a cloth facial covering, except when working alone in an office, vehicle, or at a job site, or when the job has no in-person interaction. Employers must provide cloth facial coverings to employees, unless their exposure dictates a higher level of protection under the Department of Labor and Industries’ safety and health rules and guidance. Refer to Coronavirus Facial Covering and Mask Requirements for additional details. Employees may choose to wear their own facial coverings at work, provided it meets the minimum requirements. Link to Face Cover and Mask Requirements:
<https://www.lni.wa.gov/agency/docs/wacoronavirushazardconsiderationemployers.pdf>



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>

***Information last updated May 28, 2020*

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>