



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.



**Congratulations to all 2020 Graduates.
We are proud of you!!**



ALL BUSINESSES MUST REQUIRE FACEMASK USE BEGINNING 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>





NEW COUNTY-BASED, SAFE START PLAN:

- With Governor Inslee's "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" to "Safe Start – Stay Healthy" proclamation, Washington state is now reopening on a County-By-County phased basis. For more information visit:
https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/Safe%20Start%20-%20Washington%20Phased%20Reopening_FINAL.pdf
- Many local businesses in Mason County are now open to the public. Please call ahead to see if you need an appointment.
- Many restaurants are now open again to the public. Specific rules apply for those planning to visit and dine in so make sure to call ahead,
- Governor Inslee extended his proclamation regarding Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act until June 17, 2020. To view this proclamation visit:
<https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>.

WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH

Modifying Physical Distancing Measures

INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES SHOULD FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE DURING ALL PHASES

	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3	 Phase 4
High-Risk Populations*	Stay home unless engaging in Phase 1 permissible activities.	Strongly encouraged, but not required, to stay home unless engaging in Phase 1 or Phase 2 permissible activities.	Strongly encouraged, but not required, to stay home unless engaging in Phase 1, 2, or 3 permissible activities.	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
Recreation	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	Outdoor recreation involving 5 or fewer people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	- Outdoor group rec. sports activities (50 or fewer people) - Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.)	Resume all recreational activity
Gatherings (non religious)	No gatherings	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people	Allow gatherings with >50 people
Travel	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I permissible activities	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I & II permissible activities	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
Business/ Employers <small>(All businesses will be required to follow safety plans written by the state)</small>	- Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meets agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Auto/RV/boat/ORV sales - Retail (curbside pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Pet walkers	- Remaining manufacturing - Additional construction phases - In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Personal services (hair and nail salons/barbers, tattoo, etc.) - Pet grooming - Restaurants/taverns <50% capacity, table size no larger than 5 (no bar-area seating) - Limited small group fitness - Drive-in Movie Theaters - Library (curbside pick-up)	- Restaurants/taverns <75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10 - Bar areas in restaurant/taverns at <25% capacity - Theaters at <50% capacity - Customer-facing government services (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Libraries - Museums - All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people	- Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

* High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled), including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

WASHINGTON COUNTIES SAFE START STATUS:

- **Mason County** is currently **in phase two** of the Safe Start reopening process.
- **27 Counties approved to move to Phase II:** Adams, Asotin, Clallam, Columbia, Cowlitz, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Pacific, Pend Orielle, San Juan, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whitman
- 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 June 1, 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>