



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, one (1) case is active, with one (1) COVID-19 related death from Mason County at the time of this release.

FACE MASK REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS:

Per Governor Inslee’s Proclamation 20-25.4, “in addition to other requirements detailed in the Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening Plan, that, beginning on June 8, 2020, when on the job, all employees must wear a facial covering except when working alone or when the job has no in-person interaction as detailed in the Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening Plan; and, further, that employers must provide cloth facial coverings to employees, unless their exposure dictates a higher level of protection.” For more information visit:

Governor Inslee’s Proclamation [20-25.4](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartPhasedReopening.pdf) and Safe Start Phased Reopening County-by-County;

or

L&I: <https://lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F414-167-000.pdf>

UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS:

Unemployment numbers are going down. There are two primary reasons for the decrease; unemployment has been clearing out the fraudulent claims and doing a good job pre-screening to avoid future claims. The second reason for the decrease is the slow reopening of Mason County as well as neighboring counties. We are seeing more people going back to work as our economy opens back up.

WASHINGTON COUNTIES SAFE START STATUS:

- **Mason County** is currently **in phase two** of the Safe Start reopening process. Our County is working on the proposal for applying to phase III including documentation collection, planning, and coordination.
- Pending modification **phase one applications**: King
- Pending **phase two applications**: Clark, Okanogan, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom
- Pending **phase three applications**: Ferry/Stevens/Pend Oreille (NE Tri Health Department), Garfield, Lincoln, Columbia, Wahkiakum
- 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 and Safe Start Washington - Phase 2 Reopening Plans. Mason Health has put significant safety measures in place to protect patients while visiting us for your health needs.

The following safety measures are in place:

- One visitor allowed for hospital in-patients and Emergency Department visits.
- Visiting Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. No Visitors on Sundays.
- Caregivers are allowed under special circumstances at Mason Health.
- Masking is required in all facilities, with limited patient exceptions.
- All visitors must wear a mask. No exceptions.
- Please remember to socially distance. Maintain 6 feet of distance from other patients.
- All visitors and staff are screened for illness and everyone must frequently perform hand hygiene while at Mason Health.
- Alternate care sites are in place for high-risk patients, such as those who are pregnant or elderly.
- Plexiglass barriers are in place to protect patients and staff.

Learn more at <https://www.masongeneral.com/about/covid-19>

- At Mason Health, your provider 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 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>