



Mason County COVID-19 Response

Daily Information Release

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COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:

Mason County has thirty-seven (37) 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.

CASE ASSIGNMENT CORRECTION:

On Sunday, June 7, 2020, Washington State Department of Health (WADOH) posted that Mason County had one new positive test result. Mason County Public Health went to work to verify and discovered this case was incorrectly assigned to our County. WADOH was notified and will remove the case from Mason County and reassign the case to the correct county.

MASON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL:

Federal Update - US Senate Passes PPP Small Business Relief Fix Bill: Last night the US Senate passed HR 7010 (attached). Previously passed by the US House and now on the way to the President for his expected signature, the bill:

1. Extends covered loan period from eight to 24 weeks.
2. Ensures full access to employer payroll tax deferral for businesses that take PPP loans.
3. Relaxes the requirement that PPP loans be spent on payroll costs from 75% to 60%.
4. Provides a ‘rehiring safe harbor’ for businesses to still qualify for loan forgiveness if they are unable to rehire employees due to effects of enhanced Unemployment Insurance.
5. Establishes a ‘safe harbor’ for businesses to qualify for loan forgiveness if they cannot return to full business operations due to state orders or restrictions.

MASON COUNTY MICRO-BUSINESS RELIEF GRANTS can each be found on the links below.

- <http://www.choosemason.com/resources/business-resources>
- <https://www.enterpriseforequity.org/mason-county-forgivable-loans/>

Please contact EDC for more information and questions at 360-426-2276.

WASHINGTON STATE FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS:

Face coverings should be worn by all employees 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 and Safe Start Phased Reopening County-by-County;
<https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartPhasedReopening.pdf>
- L&I: <https://lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F414-167-000.pdf>

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.
- **Phase one**, six (6). *Chelan and Douglas have pending modification applications.
- **Phase two**, twenty-five (25).
- **Phase three**, eight (8). *Asotin and Skamania have pending modification applications.
- 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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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>