



Mason County COVID-19 Response

Daily Information Release

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COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:

Mason County has thirty-eight (38) total confirmed cases of COVID-19, two (2) case are active, with one (1) COVID-19 related death from Mason County at the time of this release.

MESSAGE FROM AREA COMMAND:

Area Command has been meeting every day Monday through Friday for over three months. As we prepare to apply for Mason County to move to phase three we reflect on how far we have come as a county. We are thankful for everyone who has supported our local businesses through the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order. We are thankful for all the teachers, staff, parents, and beyond who have helped support our children through distant learning. We are thankful for everyone who made, donated, and who wear masks to help protect our community. For all the essential business from the grocery stores to 911 dispatchers, law enforcement, fire, and EMS, to those who have helped to provide food to those in need, and to the Government agencies who kept our county operating. There are so many essential workers and businesses that have stayed strong and made the appropriate adjustments to support our citizens whether you were closed for safety or open following strict requirements.

From Area Command, we thank you!!!!

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 three 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>

***Information last updated June 8, 2020*

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 deferment 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.

MASON HEALTH:

It is safe to get care at Mason Health. Several safety measures are in place to protect patients and the community.

- One visitor allowed for hospital in-patients and Emergency Department visits, Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. No Visitors on Sundays.
- Caregivers are allowed under special circumstances.
- Masking is required in all facilities, with limited patient 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.

Please visit our website or any of Mason Health's social media platforms. Learn more at <https://www.masongeneral.com/about/covid-19>

At Mason Health, our providers are available to care for you safely. They are available to meet all your health care needs. Visits are available in person, over the phone and through audio/visual technology. Please call your provider or Mason Clinic at 360-426-2653. Thank you for choosing and trusting Mason Health to care for you and your family. 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.

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>