



Mason County COVID-19 Response

Daily Information Release

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“Congrats Grads”

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COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:

Mason County has thirty-nine (39) 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.

REOPENING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR FALL OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:

Yesterday, Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chris Reykdal releases a 58 page document outlining reopening of public schools in the fall of the 2020-2021 school year. This document helps layout the guidance each school district should follow depending on which of the Governor’s phases their county is in. Each school district must also be flexible and able to quickly move back to distant learning should an outbreak occur.

- For more information visit Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction’s website at: <https://www.k12.wa.us/>

A message from Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction:

“It is imperative that students get as much face-to-face time with their educators and peers as possible. Schools should plan to operate in the fall with in-person instruction consistent with health requirements, and meet the 180-day and 1,027 instructional hour requirements. Schools should use the guidance on continuous learning to inform service delivery only if school facilities must close again.” – *Superintendent Chris Reykdal*

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, Douglas and King are in modified phase one
- **Phase two**, twenty-three (23). *Benton and Franklin Counties have pending phase two applications.
- **Phase three**, ten (10).
- **Phase four**, no counties.
- 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:

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>