



Mason County COVID-19 Response

Daily Information Release

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“Congrats Grads” “Mason Strong, Mason United!”

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COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:

Mason County has forty-one (41) total confirmed cases of COVID-19, two (2) cases are active, with one (1) COVID-19 related death from Mason County at the time of this release.


MASON COUNTY AWAITING PHASE THREE APPROVAL:

Mason County is **currently in phase two** but has applied to move to phase three on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 and our application is pending approval at Washington State Department of Health (DOH). Mason County will move to phase three not earlier than June 22nd or 48 hours after DOH approves our application.

- Sandhill Park ballfields in North Mason County and MCRA sports park in central Mason County will remain closed in phase three.
- More information can be found at: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/PHASE3.png>

SAFE START WASHINGTON: What's Open? PHASE 3

All activities in Phases 1 & 2 are allowed, in addition to the following ...

<p>Recreation</p> <p>Outdoor group recreational sports activities (50 or fewer people)</p> <p>Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.)</p> <p>Gatherings</p> <p>Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people</p> <p>Travel</p> <p>Resume non-essential travel</p>	<p>Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restaurants/taverns at <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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Please follow all applicable guidelines and requirements▶ Staying home is still safest▶ When out: keep 6 feet of distance, wear a face covering, and stay local 
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The secretary of health may approve only partial reopening of activities in some counties. To see details about your county, visit the County Status page at www.coronavirus.wa.gov.

Source: WA State Joint Information Center
June 12, 2020

WASHINGTON COUNTIES SAFE START STATUS:

- **Mason County** is currently **in phase two** of the Safe Start reopening process.
- **Phase one**, six (6). *Chelan, Douglas and King are in modified phase one.
- **Phase two**, twenty-two (22). *King County has applied to move to phase two. Benton and Franklin Counties phase two applications are on pause.
- **Phase three**, eleven (11). *Grays Harbor, Lewis, and Mason Counties are pending phase three applications.
- **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>

***Information last updated June 16, 2020*

MASON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

The north precinct is open, hours of operations will be as follows:

Open Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Open Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Closed Sunday - Monday

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF MASON COUNTY:

Mason County Micro-Business Relief Grants application process will open on June 22nd. These forgivable loans ('grants') are provided thanks to the Washington State Department of Commerce CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) program. The Washington State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by the state Department of Commerce (Commerce), receives an annual allocation of federal funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In addition, Commerce is receiving additional CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds through the federal CARES Act.

SBA and Treasury Announce New EZ and Revised Full Forgiveness Applications for the Paycheck Protection Program

Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, posted a revised, borrower-friendly Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness application implementing the PPP Flexibility Act of 2020, signed into law by President Trump on June 5, 2020. In addition to revising the full forgiveness application, SBA also published a new EZ version of the forgiveness application that applies to borrowers that:

- Are self-employed and have no employees; OR
- Did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%, and did not reduce the number or hours of their employees; OR
- Experienced reductions in business activity as a result of health directives related to COVID-19, and did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%.

The EZ application requires fewer calculations and less documentation for eligible borrowers. Details regarding the applicability of these provisions are available in the instructions to the new EZ application form.

Both applications give borrowers the option of using the original 8-week covered period (if their loan was made before June 5, 2020) or an extended 24-week covered period. These changes will result in a more efficient process and make it easier for businesses to realize full forgiveness of their PPP loan. The website is <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>

Business owners can go to **ChooseMason.com** and **coronavirus.wa.gov** for more guidance and resources.

NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Mason County Micro-Business Relief Grants through Washington State Department of Commerce CDBG – Community Development Block Grant program

- Up to \$10,000 awarded per business
- Applications Accepted June 22-24, 2020
- <https://www.enterpriseforequity.org/mason-county-forgivable-loans/> for requirements and application portal

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>