



Mason County COVID-19 Response Information Release

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COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:

Mason County has Ninety-eight (98) total confirmed cases of COVID-19, Twenty-three (23) cases are active, with one (1) COVID-19 related death from Mason County at the time of this release.

Mason County is **in phase three** of the [Safe Start County-by-County](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartPhasedReopening.pdf) reopening process. Per the Safe Start update, the number of individuals allowed in social gatherings during Phase 3 has been reduced to 10 people. More information is available at, <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartPhasedReopening.pdf>

GOVERNOR’S UPDATE 7/23/2020:

Gov. Jay Inslee and health secretary John Wiesman held a press conference to announce new actions aimed at preventing the runaway spread of COVID-19, especially as Washingtonians look ahead to the fall and re-opening of schools. Updates to the Safe Start plan is to reduce the risks of people gathering with others outside their household.

Updates may be viewed at: <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-rollbacks-to-some-activities-to-slow-covid-19-exposure-19003e510127>

Restaurants and Bars

- Indoor dining limited to household members
- Alcohol sales must end at 10 PM
- Table size reduced to 5 people and total occupancy to 50% capacity in Phase 3
- Game areas must close
- Bars will close indoor service

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Weddings and Funerals

- Receptions prohibited (ceremonies permitted)
- Occupancy is limited to 20% capacity OR 30 people, whichever is less
 - Must be able to maintain 6 ft. physical distance

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Gyms and Fitness Center

- Phase 2:
 - Indoor fitness services limited to 5 people
- Phase 3
 - Total occupancy limited to 25% capacity

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Eviction moratorium will be extended

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STATEMENT FROM MASON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH:

Until recently, cases could be traced to direct contact with positive cases from outside Mason County. During the stay-at-home order, cases had limited **close contacts (being within 6 ft of others for greater than 15 minutes without a mask)**, which slowed the transmission and made it easier for us to trace contacts.

Remember,

- If you are sick, please stay home.
- If you believe you have been in close contact with a confirmed positive case, please self-quarantine at home.
- If you believe that you have symptoms of the virus, please isolate yourself from everyone else, contact your healthcare provider, and get tested. Call the Mason General Hospital Respiratory Triage Line at 360-427-3615 to speak with a nurse.
- The most common symptoms presented in recent cases are high fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of taste and/or smell, sinus issues, headache, nausea without vomiting, and stomach issues.

MASON HEALTH:

Mason Health now allows 1 visitor per patients at Mason General Hospital and the clinics, with limited exceptions for end-of-life patients and Birth Center. Visiting hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., M-F; and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat-Sun. Please use Emergency Department entrance on weekends.

Patient Accounts/Billing and Health Information Management/Medical Records offices are now open to the public during business hours. For more information visit 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.

IN NEED OF A FACE COVERING? "ASK A COP":

All officers in Mason County have access to state supplied face coverings. If you are in need of a covering, please "Ask a Cop". Additionally, United Way of Mason County and your local food bank have access to face covering resources. For help finding a resource near you, contact United Way at (360) 426-4999.

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/>