



# Mason County COVID-19 Response Information Release

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Mason County has One hundred thirty (130) total confirmed cases of COVID-19, Forty-two (42) 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 updated [Safe Start County-by County](#) 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>

<b>WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH</b> Modifying Physical Distancing Measures (Modifications to July 20, 2020 Plan are effective July 30, 2020)				
<b>INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES SHOULD FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE DURING ALL PHASES</b>				
	<b>1</b> Phase 1	<b>2</b> Phase 2	<b>3</b> Phase 3	<b>4</b> Phase 4
<b>High-Risk Populations*</b>	Stay home unless engaging in Phase 1 permissible activities.	Strongly encouraged, but not required, to stay home unless engaging in Phase 1 or Phase 2 permissible activities.	Strongly encouraged, but not required, to stay home unless engaging in Phase 1, 2, or 3 permissible activities.	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
<b>Recreation</b>	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	Outdoor recreation involving 5 or fewer people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	- Outdoor group rec. sports activities (50 or fewer people) - Recreational facilities at <25% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.)	Resume all recreational activity
<b>Gatherings (non religious)</b>	No gatherings	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 10 people	Allow gatherings with >50 people
<b>Travel</b>	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase 1 permissible activities	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase 1 & 2 permissible activities	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
<b>Business/ Employers</b> <small>(All businesses will be required to follow safety plans written by the state)</small>	- Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meets agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Auto/RV/boat/ORV sales - Retail (curbside pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Pet walkers	- Remaining manufacturing - Additional construction phases - In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Personal services (hair and nail salons/barbers, tattoo, etc.) - Pet grooming - Restaurants/taverns <50% capacity, table size no larger than 5 (no bar-area seating) - Limited small group fitness - Drive-in Movie Theaters - Library (curbside pick-up)	- Restaurants/taverns <50% capacity/ table size no larger than 5 - Movie theaters at <25% 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 10 people	- Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene - Live entertainment

\* High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled); including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma; people who have serious heart conditions; people who are immunocompromised; people with severe obesity; people with diabetes; people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

**Governor's office released updated guidance about Safe Start changes.** This update includes several rollbacks to Safe Start reopening activities in an effort to reduce spread of COVID-19 in Washington state.

Most changes go into effect on Thursday, July 30. The changes to wedding and funeral ceremonies, originally scheduled to go in effect August 6, are now scheduled to go in effect August 10. The governor's office is preparing updated guidance for affected businesses. Updates for fitness activities are still under development. In the meantime:

- Updated guidance for businesses, restaurants, taverns, and card rooms is available at, [https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).
- The full proclamation regarding the extension of the eviction moratorium through October 15 is available at, [https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/20-19.3%20Coronavirus%20Evictions%20%28tmp%29.pdf?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/20-19.3%20Coronavirus%20Evictions%20%28tmp%29.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

**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 the Emergency Department entrance on weekends. Patient Accounts/Billing and Health Information Management/Medical Records offices are now open to the public during business hours. Visit [www.masongeneral.com](http://www.masongeneral.com) for more information.



**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>
- State Coronavirus Website: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>
- WA State Department of Health's website [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)
- CDC's website [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- Mason County Public Health Information line 360-427-9670 ext. 599