



# Mason County COVID-19 Response

## Daily Information Release

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### **COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:**

Mason County has NO confirmed cases of COVID-19!

### **HOW IS MASON COUNTY RESPONDING?**

Mason County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is in full swing. Agencies are meeting on a daily basis and coordinating efforts. Information is coming in very fast and the information we receive is changing rapidly.

### **WHAT DO CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW?**

- Mason County does not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of this printing.
- Please show compassion toward one another.
- Large Events and Gatherings: Washington Governor Jay Inslee release Proclamation 20-14 yesterday reduced the size of public gatherings to 50 people or less until midnight, March 31, 2020.
- Food & Beverage Services, Areas of Congregation: Governor Inslee also adopted Proclamation 20-13 prohibiting anyone from gathering in a public place for entertainment, recreation, food and beverage service, theater, bowling, fitness, and other similar activities until midnight, March 31, 2020.
- Statewide Limits on Long Term Care – No Visitors: Governor Inslee adopted Proclamation 20-16 limiting access/admission into any long-term care facility until midnight, April 9, 2020.

You can read the details of each Governor Proclamation at:

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>

- Mason County and the City of Shelton agencies are open and working either remotely or from their offices. They are however, limiting public access into all County and City facilities. Access is available by phone, email or through their website. Please call ahead to any/all County and City agency before trying to access the office in person. Many other agencies and business are also limiting access so again, please call ahead and/or visit the agency or business website.
- Many 24-hours grocery stores are limiting their hours (6:00 am to 11:00 pm) to allow for proper sanitization and restocking. Please contact your local grocery store or check their website for specific details and to confirm store hours.

## **AGENCIES:**

### Mason County Public Health:

- There are NO confirmed cases in Mason County as of the publishing of this document.
- See Mason County's website for current and accurate information:  
<http://www.co.mason.wa.us/COVID-19/index.php>

### Hospital and Medical Facilities:

- Mason General Hospital has restricted visitors and entry into their facility. Please be patient and call ahead whenever possible.
- If you have a general doctors visit, well child checkup, dental appointment, elective surgery, or other non-essential appointment scheduled, please call ahead for office schedule changes, cancellations or to reschedule your appointment.
- News Website: <https://www.masongeneral.com/about/covid-19>

### Mason County Schools:

- Meals for Children: Per proclamation by the Governor, schools shall continue to make available meals to preserve and maintain life and health for those children in need. Each school has setup a program with specific parameters.
- Please see school websites for more detailed information.

## **WHERE DO I FIND INFORMATION?**

### 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](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
- You can also check company, business, or agency websites for details about their specific agency closures, precautions, and any actions they may be taking to protect their staff or the public.
- See attached pdf document for helpful links to local, state and national resources.