



# Mason County COVID-19 Response

## Daily Information Release

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

Mason County has no new confirmed cases of COVID-19. We still only have one (1) confirmed case from March 17, 2020.

**REMINDER: 911 is for emergencies, not a source of information. Please only call 911 if you are having an emergency and require law enforcement, fire or medical services.**

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

Mason County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is fully operational. Mason County agencies and jurisdictions are working together to keep citizens of Mason County informed with timely and accurate information on COVID-19.

- Testing will continue, increasing once more test kits are received.
- Mason County Public Health is conducting contact interviews regarding the confirmed case of COVID-19 in Mason County and if you are a contact from anywhere in the world, you will be notified.
- Information is being compiled and released as quickly as possible then forwarded out through the Mason County Joint Information Center (JIC).

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

- At the time of this printing, Mason County still only has one (1) confirmed case of COVID-19 from March 17, 2020.
- Please continue to show compassion toward one another and practice Social Distancing.
- Governor Jay Inslee passed six (6) more Proclamations on March 18, 2020. For more information and to stay up to date, check the Governors website at: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>
- Many agencies, organizations, and business are running on essential personnel only, working from home or have shut down for now. Please check websites or call ahead.
- The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is taking actions to limit the spread of COVID-19, including closing public parks, limiting BOCC and non-essential county meetings, and more. Visit <http://www.co.mason.wa.us> for more information.
- Many 24-hours grocery stores have expanded their limiting store hours reserving designated time for “at-risk shoppers” such as the elderly, pregnant women and more. Please contact your local grocery store or check their website for specific details and to confirm store hours.

**AGENCIES:**

Mason County Public Health:

- Mason County has no new confirmed cases of COVID-19. We still only have one (1) confirmed case from March 17, 2020.
- Testing continues in our county.
- We are still waiting for the tests that were ordered earlier this month. Everything is backlogged so we do not have an estimated time of arrival.

**Social Distancing Summary**

NOT ALLOWED	ALLOWED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gatherings of 50+ Attendees</li> <li>• Youth Sports (games and practices)</li> <li>• Leisure / Hobby / Social Clubs</li> <li>• Concerts</li> <li>• Exhibitions</li> <li>• Festivals</li> <li>• Movie Theaters</li> <li>• Theaters</li> <li>• Barbers</li> <li>• Tattoo Parlors</li> <li>• Other similar civic, community, leisure, recreational activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Clubs</li> <li>• Senior Centers</li> <li>• Trade Shows</li> <li>• Sporting Events</li> <li>• Weddings / Funerals</li> <li>• Gyms / Fitness Centers</li> <li>• Art Galleries</li> <li>• Nail Salons</li> <li>• Non-Tribal Card Rooms</li> </ul>
<p><b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE with ON-SITE CONSUMPTION</b> [ Take-out / Delivery / Drive-through still allowed ]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restaurants</li> <li>• Coffee Shops</li> <li>• Breweries / Distilleries</li> <li>• College / Higher Education Dining Halls</li> <li>• Airport Restaurants &amp; Bars (grab-&amp;-go allowed)</li> <li>• Food Courts</li> <li>• Doughnut Shops</li> <li>• Wine / Beer Tasting Venues</li> <li>• Bars / Taverns</li> <li>• Ice Cream Parlors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gatherings of Less Than 50 Attendees <i>(As long as the entity designates an employee or officer who sets and implements social distancing and sanitation measures established by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Washington State Department of Health guidelines.)</i></li> <li>• Grocery Stores</li> <li>• Gas Stations</li> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• RV Sites / Campgrounds / Rental Cabins / State Parks</li> <li>• Massage / Physical Therapy / Acupuncture</li> <li>• Pharmacies</li> <li>• Hotels / Motels</li> <li>• Golf Courses</li> <li>• Convenience Stores</li> <li>• Pet Stores</li> <li>• Hiking Trails</li> </ul> <p>On-site food service is still permitted for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Care and Day Care</li> <li>• K-12 School-based Food Programs</li> </ul>

**ALL OTHER RETAIL STORES AND BIG BOX STORES** must designate an employee / officer to be responsible for establishing and implementing a social distancing plan.

- See Mason County’s website for current information:  
<http://www.co.mason.wa.us/COVID-19/index.php>

**Hospital and Medical Facilities:**

Beginning Thursday, March 19, Mason Health will be offering a drive-through testing location for patients with symptoms of coronavirus and are high risk. These tests are **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** and **must be pre-screened and scheduled through the Covid-19 Respiratory Triage Call Line (360 427-3615)**. If the patient presents to the clinic as a walk-in, screening may be done at the clinic following the usual process at this time. At this time, we will not be accepting any patients through the new drive-through testing site who have not been pre-screened.

**SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19**

FEVER      COUGH      SHORTNESS OF BREATH

If you experience these symptoms, please call the **COVID-19 RESPIRATORY ILLNESS TRIAGE LINE** to avoid an unnecessary trip to the hospital:  
**360-427-3615**

- New Website: <https://www.masongeneral.com/about/covid-19>

Mason County Schools:

- Meals for Children: Please be following your school's website, Facebook page or the County school meal mapping program for updates on free meals for kids.

<http://mason.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=73097ed2f7fd413b9e80b44ec0de1108>

#### **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.