



Mason County COVID-19 Response

Daily Information Release

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“Celebrate Safely”

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COVID-19 KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:

Mason County has thirty-four (34) total confirmed cases of COVID-19, three (3) cases are active, with one (1) COVID-19 related death from Mason County at the time of this release.

Mason county public health officer, Dr. Stein, is encouraging everyone to wear a mask while out in public. This act alone can help to limit the spread of Covid-19.

MASON COUNTY AREA COMMAND UPDATE:

Mason County Area Command has been consistently meeting for the last **89 days**. The team continues to work our mission statement on a daily basis:

- 1) To protect our citizens and ourselves
- 2) To contain the spread
- 3) To secure resources
- 4) Ensure rapid response
- 5) Keep the public informed/unified
- 6) Move the county into recovery

RECREATIONAL REOPENING:

We understand that families are excited to start their summer activities including camping. Local, State, and Federal parks are working to meet the Safe Start requirements so they can open the campgrounds, bathrooms, and showers. Cleaning supplies, staffing, and personal protective equipment is all required to be on-hand before anyone is allowed to fully open in these capacities.

- Mason County parks are open for day-use.
- City of Shelton parks are closed!
- Washington State parks are open for day-use and hiking.
- US Forest Service parks are open for day-use and hiking.

Please continue to be safe and “**Recreate Responsibly**”.

WASHINGTON COUNTIES SAFE START STATUS:

- **Mason County** is currently **in phase two** of the Safe Start reopening process.
- **24 Counties approved to move to Phase II:** Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Cowlitz, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Kittitas, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Pacific,

Pend Orielle, San Juan, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla and Whitman

- **3 Counties eligible to submit a variance application:** Clallam, Kitsap and Klickitat.
- The application from Clark County remains on pause due to an outbreak investigation.
- 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>

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NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Back-To-Business Toolkit – covers multi industry guidelines. On home page “2020 Covid-19 Back-to-Business Toolkit

<http://northmasonchamber.com/#tabs-3>

Association of Washington Business (AWB): Rebound & Recovery Effort. Two excellent tools

1. Directory of Personal Protective Equipment Resources
2. Tool-kit (another source)

https://www.reboundandrecovery.org/?utm_source=awb-slider&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=awb-recover

Business Reopen Spotlight: Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council, covering 5 counties in our region (including Mason). They are adding a video marketing campaign for regional businesses who would like to promote their business with a spotlight during recovery/reopening. If you are interested in submitting a 1 minute video that you produce highlighting your reopening celebration and/or community support send email of interest to pvolz@northmasonchamber.com and Pam will connect you with Pacific Mountain for details on how to submit.

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>