



Mason County COVID-19 Response Information Release

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Mason County has One hundred sixty-two (162) total confirmed cases of COVID-19, Fifty-six (56) 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](#) reopening process. Specific operational guidance information 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

MASON HEALTH:

Starting today, for the safety of patients, employees and the community, Mason Health is restricting visitors at all of its facilities. There will be limited exceptions. iPads will be provided for patients to communicate with loved ones. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

Patient Accounts/Billing and Health Information Management/Medical Records offices are now open to the public during business hours. Visit www.masongeneral.com

If you have COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms...

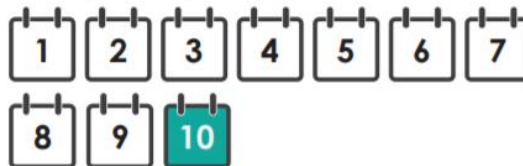
-  1. Stay home.
-  2. Don't go to work or visit with others outside your home.
-  3. Call your doctor if you have symptoms, especially if you are over 65, have other health conditions, or are pregnant.

Stay in isolation until...

- 1. **24 hours** after your fever is gone without using medicine. 
- AND**
- 2. **Your other symptoms have improved** (for example, cough or shortness of breath).

AND

- 3. **Ten days** after your symptoms started.



<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVID-19-ExposureFeelingBetter.pdf>

If you believe you have symptoms of COVID-19, call the 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.

Safe Start updates. Gov. Jay Inslee **7/29/2020**, extended the proclamation regarding workers' rights and protections for employees at higher risk of severe illness. The proclamation will remain in effect through the duration of the state of emergency, or until otherwise rescinded or amended. Memos and referenced links available at, <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-extends-high-risk-employee-proclamation>

Effective **7/28/2020**, the governor paused until further notice all counties moving forward in the Safe Start Washington plan. All business and social operations should be followed per each county's standing phase until modified. Phase guidance 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.

State Broadband Office needs you to help identify low or no high-speed internet service areas.

The Washington State Broadband Office and state Public Works Board have launched a mapping initiative to identify gaps in high-speed internet service and areas of broadband infrastructure needs in order to advance the state's goal to have universal broadband access in Washington by 2024.



You can help your neighborhood by taking a 1 minute survey from your home computer or mobile phone at, <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-statewide-broadband-act/speedtestsurvey/>

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
- CDC's website www.cdc.gov
- Mason County Public Health Information line 360-427-9670 ext. 599