

Mason County COVID-19 Response Information Release Area Commander Ross McDowell, Emergency Manager for Mason County "Mason Strong, Mason United!"

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Mason County has One hundred eighty-five (185) total confirmed cases of COVID-19, Fifty (50) cases are active, with one (1) COVID-19 related death from Mason County at the time of this release.

Mason County is <u>in phase three</u> of the <u>Safe Start County-by County</u> reopening process. Specific operational guidance information is avaible at,

https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidancebusinesses-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.

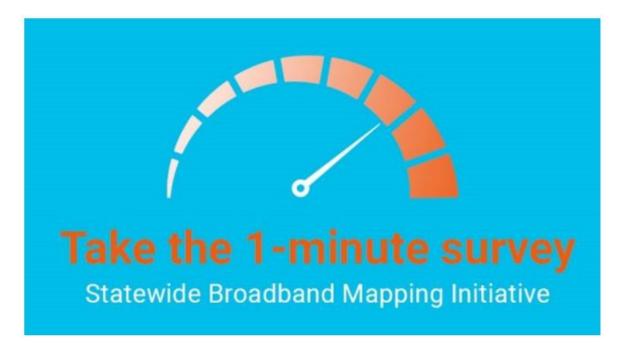
Patient Accounts/Billing and Health Information Management/Medical Records offices are now open to the public during business hours. Visit <u>www.masongeneral.com</u> <u>https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVID-19-ExposureFeelingBetter.pdf</u>

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 **8/3/2020**, announced updates for Phase 2 and Phase 3 fitness guidance as part of Washington's Safe Start phased reopening plan. The guidance is effective August 10, 2020. All Phase guidance is available at,

https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidancebusinesses-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, <u>https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-statewide-broadband-act/speedtestsurvey/</u>



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

- Mason County's website http://www.co.mason.wa.us/COVID-19/index.php
- State Coronavirus Website: <u>https://coronavirus.wa.gov/</u>
- WA State Department of Health's website <u>www.doh.wa.gov</u>
- CDC's website <u>www.cdc.gov</u>
- Mason County Public Health Information line 360-427-9670 ext. 599