



# Mason County COVID-19 Response

## Information Release

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For consistency, Mason County COVID-19 case updates will be released at the end of business each day Monday thru Friday.

### STAYING SAFE DURING HISTORIC WILDFIRE EVENT AND ONGOING PANDEMIC

Breathing in wildfire smoke can cause symptoms that are relatively minor, such as eye, nose, and throat irritation, and more dangerous symptoms like wheezing, coughing, and shortness of breath. The best way to protect yourself from smoky air is to stay inside and keep your indoor air clean by improving filtration and creating a clean air room in your home. To reduce the intake of smoke into your home:

- Close windows and doors when it is smoky outside, and open windows to let in fresh air during times when there's better air quality outside.
- Set air conditioners to re-circulate.
- Avoid burning candles/incense, smoking, broiling/frying foods, and vacuuming, as these can add to indoor pollution.
- Use a portable air cleaner with a HEPA filter.
- Build your own box fan filter - WA Department of Ecology's video on how to make your own clean air fan. <https://youtu.be/4qr1Aj6Di7w>

More info available at, <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Newsroom/Articles/ID/2373/Staying-safe-during-historic-wildfire-event-and-ongoing-pandemic>

### SAFE START UPDATE:

Washington State Department of Health, the Governor's Office, Mason County Public Health and many other agencies are closely monitoring the progress of COVID-19 throughout the Country. When any new information arises, we will post updates on our Facebook page and Mason County COVID webpage.

For more details and information about the Washington State Safe Start program visit:

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/news-media>

**Mason County** is still in **phase three** of the Safe Start County-by County reopening process.

Updated operational guidance and information is available at,

[www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](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:**

- For a full list of open and closed services, visit [www.masongeneral.com/visit-us](http://www.masongeneral.com/visit-us).
- Mason Health has Spanish-speaking providers. Learn more about Dr. Benjamin May, DO, and Dr. Carlos Rubio-Reyes, MD, and our Language & Cultural Services at <https://www.masongeneral.com/services/language-cultural-services>
- If you believe you have symptoms of COVID-19, call our 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.
- The COVID-19 Testing Tent is located at the former MGH Oakland Bay Pediatrics clinic on Professional Way. Follow signs from Mason General Hospital and along 13th Street, turning at the Medicine Shoppe, to find the testing tent.

**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](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
- Safe Start: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartPhasedReopening.pdf>