



Mason Health

Mason General Hospital • Mason Clinic

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Mason Health is carefully monitoring the COVID-19 situation as it changes day by day and hour by hour. We are working closely with Mason County Public Health to develop a robust response plan.

We are testing appropriate patients who meet clinical criteria to identify any COVID-19 infected patients. At this time (3/12/20), no patients have tested positive in Mason County. We are establishing a COVID-19 Respiratory Illness Triage telephone line for use by the public to help patients know whether they can stay at home, need to be tested, or need to be evaluated by a medical provider. We have made contingency plans to establish a Respiratory Illness Evaluation Station outside of the main hospital or clinic. If COVID-19 becomes established in Mason County, we will open that facility and patients who contact the COVID-19 Respiratory Illness Triage telephone line (360)427-3615 may be directed to the Respiratory Illness Evaluation Station rather than to the emergency department or clinic.

In order to reduce the potential contact within Mason General Hospital, starting Monday 3/16, we will be restricting visitation to only direct family members or significant others. We will be screening visitors for signs of illness and restricting their movements within the hospital. Also starting Monday 3/16, the cafeteria will be closed to all but employees and authorized visitors. The gift shop will also close until further notice. These measures are intended to help keep healthy people healthy by reducing potential exposure to the virus.

If you are experiencing fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath or have concerns about exposure to COVID-19, it is very important to call the COVID-19 Respiratory Illness Triage telephone line (360)427-3615 before presenting to your primary care office.

If you need to be seen in the Emergency Department and you have respiratory symptoms, please wear a mask as soon as you arrive for your visit.

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