



# Mason County Public Health

## COVID-19 Information Release

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Washington State is now experiencing new cases of the disease associated with the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19. At this point, there are no confirmed cases COVID-19 in Mason County. At this time, testing is recommended for individuals who have had recent travel to areas with an outbreak, known contact to individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 and for people who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 which includes fever, cough, shortness of breath. If you or a loved one meets these criteria, we recommend that you contact your primary medical provider to determine if you should be screened.

We are currently working with healthcare providers, schools, shelters, long term care facilities and other community partners to ensure that we are ready when this virus arrives in Mason County. At the present time, we are not restricting large group gatherings. However, we would encourage elderly individuals and/or those who have preexisting medical conditions to take precautions and to consider avoiding these large gatherings. We are working to reduce the spread of this and other similar viruses that are common during this time of year. We encourage all individuals to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 30 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular.

The Mason County Public Health is committed to sharing information as it becomes available. People are urged to not spread inaccurate information that has not been confirmed. Varified information can be found at [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov) and [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). If you have questions that cannot be answered after reading the information on the above referenced websites, please call the Corona Virus Hotline at 1-800-525-0127 and press #.

Mason County officials, in coordination with public health, will continue to monitor the situation and keep the public notified with any updates as they arise.

Sincerely,

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Mason County Health Officer