



# Whitman Today

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

## Coronavirus News

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced an agreement yesterday for shared plans for reopening their economies and controlling coronavirus moving forward. While each state is building a state-specific plan, in the coming days the governors, their staff and health officials will continue conversations about a regional pact to recovery.

Walla Walla County had several new confirmed coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours. That brings the number of confirmed cases in the county to 23. The Walla Walla County Department of Health reports that three patients have recovered from the virus.

[See Previous Coronavirus Updates from Whitman](#)

## Announcements

**Wi-Fi woes in your residence hall? Please tell us about it!**  
We've heard whispers that all is not well with consistent Wi-Fi service in the residence halls. In order to figure this out, we need your help. If you are experiencing problems with wi-fi in your residence hall, [please take a moment to fill out this form.](#)

Please don't hesitate to submit this form as many times as you experience issues. The more data we have, the better. Your input will help us immensely, which in turn will help us help you. In the spirit of the times, we're all in this together.

You can also improve your connectivity by using a wired connection instead of a wireless. Your room is equipped for this. [To learn how to set this up, contact WCTS.](#)

## Campus Resources

### Find Community on Whitman's Virtual Campus

To help sustain, grow and improve community at Whitman from afar, the Associated Students of Whitman College, the Whitman Wire, the Whitman Events Board, and other independent student groups have been working hard over spring break to bring you a place to interact with, learn from and spend time with your peers: the [Whitman Virtual Campus!](#) From weekly online skill-sharing and talent videos, to the student-run Creativity Commons, to virtual events, and beyond, the Virtual Campus is created by students, for students.

[Coronavirus FAQs](#)

## Online Learning Tips and Tools

Penrose Library has expanded access to about 180,000 books from our print collection via HathiTrust. HathiTrust has granted online emergency temporary access to digitized versions of these titles. You can find them by searching in [Sherlock](#) (there will be a link to the HathiTrust copy) or in [HathiTrust](#) directly (the record will indicate temporary emergency access). After connecting to Hathi you will need to login and select Whitman as your institution. [Learn more about using HathiTrust.](#)

[Online Learning Resources for Students](#)

## Health Reminder

**Don't Forget: Wash Your Hands!** The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds frequently. That means before and after you handle food or eat; after using the restroom; when entering and leaving public spaces; and when touching any shared surfaces.

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

## Happening Today and Tomorrow

### TODAY

4 p.m. [Graduating in a Time of Crisis](#)  
*Join Thomas Witherspoon, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, and a panel of diverse college graduates for a conversation on navigating life after a crisis as a graduating senior. Open to all graduating seniors.*

### TOMORROW

Noon ["Sociology \(At Whitman\) in Strange Times"](#)  
*Join Professor Michelle Janning for a live talk as part of the #WeAreWhitman event. Find the link on the event website on Wednesday.*

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

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