



Whitman Today

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Coronavirus News

In the past 24 hours, Walla Walla County had two new reported coronavirus cases, bringing the total to 37 confirmed cases. Fifteen local residents have recovered from the virus.

At a press conference Monday evening, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee talked about a plan for reopening the state's economy that could soon allow the return of some elective surgeries, outdoor recreation and construction projects. Washington's stay-at-home order is scheduled to lift on May 4, and Inslee didn't give any specifics as to when that order may be lifted. He said his plan would only move forward once coronavirus cases have decreased enough that the state is able to manage future outbreaks.

[Whitman's Coronavirus Website](#)

Announcements

Get more out of Google Meet with Grid View

Several members of the community have found an extremely helpful Chrome extension that shows all meeting participants at once. Because this is not an official extension, WCTS has created a trusted version to mitigate the risks of using software from unknown third parties. [Visit the installation instructions and troubleshooting page for more details.](#) Contact helpdesk@whitman.edu for assistance. *Please note: This only works in the Google Chrome browser.*

Download Whitman-Themed Zoom Backgrounds

The Office of Communications has designed several Whitman-themed backgrounds you can use on Zoom meetings. [Find instructions and download the backgrounds.](#)

Campus Resources

Get Help with Your Honors Thesis

Join Librarian [Emily Pearson](#) on Wednesday, April 29, at 4 p.m. for a webinar and Q&A session on submitting your thesis to Penrose Library. To receive honors, the thesis must be submitted by May 20. If you aren't sure yet if you're receiving honors, it may still be useful to attend in case you do. For more information, you can check the [library's thesis guide](#). [Please register in advance for the webinar.](#)

[Coronavirus FAQs](#)

Online Learning Tips and Tools

If you live off-campus and do not have internet at your home, many providers are offering free or discounted internet access in response to COVID-19. That includes [Spectrum](#), [Comcast](#) and [Cox](#). Many cellular providers are also increasing or waiving data caps. [Learn more on the student resources website.](#)

[Online Learning Resources for Students](#)

Health Reminder

Remember that social distancing guidelines are still in place! Whether you are in common areas of your residence hall, walking around campus or picking up food in Cleveland Commons, it's important to keep six feet of distance between yourself and others. This protects the health of our entire community

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

Happening Today and Tomorrow

TODAY

5 p.m.

[Immigration Week Speaker: Alan Pelaez Lopez](#)
The Borders as Method club invites all to the Immigration Week 2020 Keynote Address with Alan Pelaez Lopez. His talk is titled "More than Papers: Advocating to End the Global Circuit of Anti-Blackness so that all Black Immigrants can be Free."

TOMORROW

Noon

[Home Alone Conversation Group for Employees](#)
The Office of the Chaplain hosts this weekly drop-in virtual meet geared to staff and faculty who are working from home, alone.

[See More Upcoming Events](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

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