Coronavirus News

In the past 24 hours, there were six new positive coronavirus tests in Walla Walla County for a total of 68 confirmed cases.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee says he’ll extend the stay-at-home order for the state, and will outline what reopening the state’s economy will look like on Friday. That reopening would happen when he and state officials feel the threat from the new coronavirus has receded.

The governor said in a press conference on Wednesday that public health data is leading him to extend the stay-at-home order, which has closed thousands of businesses and limited large gatherings for more than a month. That order was scheduled to lift at the end of the day on May 4. Inslee also announced on Wednesday that some elective procedures could resume at hospitals.

Announcements

See the Latest on Virtual Campus
Check out the talents of your fellow Whitties on the Whitman Virtual Campus. New videos include a Drip Drop Dance Troupe virtual lesson with Julia Wilke ’21, a Tiny Futon Concert with Andy Burnstein ’20 and a sourdough bread demonstration with “The Novice Baker.” On Saturday, check the website for a new video about how to use the bike fixing station at Reid Campus Center. Have a skill or talent to share? Submit your skill!

Campus Resources

Security ‘Team Here For Your Safety
Whitman’s security team continues to monitor campus to ensure the safety of our students, staff and faculty. If you have concerns, you can reach them at 509-527-5777.

Online Learning Tips and Tools

Virtual STEM Tutoring Available
Online tutoring is available for many STEM classes, including biology, chemistry, computer science, geology and physics. Learn more and see hours on the student resources webpage under “STEM Hub.”

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.

Happening Today and Tomorrow

Today
4 p.m. Upperclass Housing GTA Live Chat
Rising juniors and seniors are invited to a live chat with Residence Life staff about housing for next year. Sign up at least one hour prior to the event.

Tomorrow
1 p.m. Trails Talk with Rick Bombaci
Joining Spring Break Engagement Trip program leaders Alejandra Wait ’22 and Jackie Jones ’22 for a discussion with Rick Bombaci of the Wallowa Mountain Hells Canyon Trail Association regarding adjustments to the “new normal” and impacts of COVID-19 on the trail association.

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

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