



# Whitman Today

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

## Coronavirus News

In the past 24 hours Walla Walla County had one new confirmed coronavirus case. That brings the total to 13 cases in the county.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee announced Monday that private and public K-12 schools statewide will be closed for the remainder of the school year. Students will continue with distance learning.

The U.S. coronavirus death toll is nearing 11,000 as the country prepares for what the President said will be a difficult week and a half. But White House officials say they are encouraged by parts of the country that leaned in heavily to social distancing measures and are now seeing a slowdown in the rate of growth of coronavirus cases.

[More Coronavirus Updates from Whitman](#)

## Announcements

Whitman Tennis Courts Closed

In response to [recommendations from the U.S. Tennis Association](#), Whitman College is closing its tennis courts until further notice to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Medical advisors believe there is a risk the virus can be transmitted through common sharing and handling of items, including tennis balls, benches, net posts, and potentially even sport-court surfaces.

## Campus Resources

Need writing and speaking support? The COWS is open for live digital meetings or tutor assistance on papers. You can [schedule appointments with our student tutors](#) for a time that works for you!

[Coronavirus FAQs](#)

## 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 website](#) under "STEM Hub."

[Online Learning Resources for Students](#)

## Health Reminder

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention is now recommending that people wear cloth facial coverings in public in order to slow the spread of coronavirus. Facial coverings may help prevent transmission from individuals who are asymptomatic but could unknowingly pass the virus to others.

This does not mean you need a medical-grade facemask or N95 respirator. In fact, those should be reserved for healthcare workers who are facing a shortage of supplies. A scarf or bandana is a good option. [Here's a video with a simple face covering you can make that does not require sewing.](#) If you have sewing skills, you can also find a variety of instructional videos online on how to sew masks.

Masks are an extra measure for when you have to leave your home for essential activities like grocery shopping or any time you may be coming into close contact with others. It is still critical to stay home when possible, social distance when you are out and thoroughly wash your hands often. [Download this PDF for more information on how to use cloth face coverings and how to make them.](#)

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

## Happening Today and Tomorrow

Today

2 p.m.

[Spirituali-TEA with Adam Kirtley](#)  
*Join Interfaith Chaplain Adam Kirtley for a virtual cup of tea and conversation via Zoom.*

Tomorrow

Noon

[Blue Mountain Land Trust Internship Info Session](#)  
*Attend this virtual info session to learn about summer internship opportunities with Blue Mountain Land Trust. Internships cover areas in education planning and development, event planning and implementation, and marketing and communications.*

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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