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.

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.

Whitman College staff, faculty and students. To submit items, email whitmantoday@whitman.edu. The deadline for newsletter submissions is 4 p.m. the prior business day.

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, stay six feet away from others and make sure to practice social distance when you are out and thoroughly wash your hands often.

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.”

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

More Coronavirus Updates from Whitman

Online Learning Tips and Tools

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Happening Today and Tomorrow

Today

2 p.m. Spiritual TEA with Adam Kirtley

Meet us for a “Tea and conversation” via Zoom.

Tomorrow

 Noon

Meet us in the Outdoors for a virtual cup of tea and conversation via Zoom.

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

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