



# Whitman Today

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## Coronavirus News

In the past 24 hours Walla Walla County had three new confirmed coronavirus cases. That brings the total to 16 cases in the county.

Despite rising death tolls nationally, there are encouraging signs that parts of the U.S. may be flattening their curves, for example in Washington and California. However, officials are warning that residents have to remain vigilant to prevent a second wave of the virus.

The Chinese city of Wuhan, the original epicenter of the outbreak, has ended its 11-week lockdown. Residents will be tracked by smartphone apps to prove they are healthy and haven't interacted with anyone infected with coronavirus.

[More Coronavirus Updates from Whitman](#)

## Announcements

### Students: Check Your Email for Fall 2020 Housing Info

This year, on-campus housing selection for returning sophomores, juniors and seniors will be completed online. Each student has been contacted through their Whitman email about the Fall 2020 on-campus housing process. Please check your email for more information or contact us at [on\\_campus\\_housing@whitman.edu](mailto:on_campus_housing@whitman.edu) with questions.

### Get more out of Google Meet with Grid View

Several members of our 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](mailto:helpdesk@whitman.edu) for assistance. *Please note: this only works in the Google Chrome browser.*

## Campus Resources

Need something from the bookstore? Students, staff and faculty can email the bookstore at [bookstore@whitman.edu](mailto:bookstore@whitman.edu) to request an item, or order using our [online store](#). Your order will be taken to the campus post office, where you can arrange to pick it up.

## Online Learning Tips and Tools

### Improve Your Virtual Meeting Security

Recent news media reports relating to video conference management and security may have caught your attention. WCTS wants you to know there's no reason to panic. Here are a couple tips:

- If you use Zoom, make sure to keep the app up to date. Google Meet will automatically update itself.
- Review your Google Meet and Zoom settings, and make sure you have them set the way you want.
- When you have a session, take a moment to review who has joined. Don't recognize someone? Ask them to identify themselves.
- Be familiar with what to click/tap to quickly remove someone from a session.

Don't know how to do the above or just have questions? Please feel free to contact [canvas\\_help@whitman.edu](mailto:canvas_help@whitman.edu). [You can also reference this KnowledgeBase article about Zoom security settings.](#) We're happy to help you.

[Online Learning Resources for Students](#)

## Health Reminder

### What is self-isolation?

People who are ill, regardless of a diagnosis of COVID-19, are being asked to self-isolate: That means staying in your room and avoiding contact with others as much as possible. This helps slow the spread of illness. If you live on campus, ask your RD about having your meals delivered to your room. Wear a cloth face covering when using public areas, including the restroom or kitchen. [See more tips about staying comfortable while self-isolating in the health FAQ.](#)

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

## Happening Today and Tomorrow

Today

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.*

Tomorrow

12:30 p.m.

[Tools and Resources to Explore Internship Opportunities](#)  
*Connect with the SEC from the comfort of your space, learn how to navigate through some useful internship databases, and find an internship that aligns with your interest!*

6 p.m.

[Intercultural Center Netflix Party](#)  
*This event is open to all students! Check the Intercultural Center Instagram @whitmancollegediversity for the Netflix Party URL right before the party starts!*

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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