Q: I already had COVID-19 and recovered. Do I still need to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

A: Yes, you should get the vaccine as soon as you are eligible, even if you had COVID-19.

When should I get it?

You should ideally wait 6 months after being infected. That means you might have some protection (called natural immunity) from COVID-19 for at least a little while. But we don’t know how long that natural immunity really lasts. If you only rely on natural immunity for protection, you risk getting sick again and spreading the virus to others. That’s why it’s important to get the vaccine, even if you had COVID-19.

What about getting sick again?

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Student Fighting Malicious Deepfakes

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Antennovations

The CESRP Application Deadline Extended

The deadline for the Community Engaged Research Program (CESRP) is extended to 10 a.m. on Friday, April 30. The review committee will begin reviewing applications as they come in to help students solidify their plans as soon as possible.

Do you have questions about the CESRP? Atkins Hall 218, or email pearsome@whitman.edu.

Question of the Week

What’s one tip that you have for living a more sustainable lifestyle?

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The Deeptrust Alliance is the only global nonprofit organization fighting the threat of malicious deepfakes. Deepfakes are manipulated visual or audio content created by machine learning algorithms that can either deceive or manipulate images and video. The Deeptrust Alliance's primary mission is to stop harm caused by deepfakes and protect the innocent. In this video, the focus of a torrent, usually a celebrity, is transposed onto a porn video without consent. Deepfake porn is an extremely lucrative business for 21st-century sex traffickers and those who make money off their clients.”

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