Inclusion Task Force: Action Items to Cabinet

Following several weeks of processing feedback from the Inclusion Task Force, the action plan for the next phase of the inclusion journey continues. We look forward to partnering with everyone to accomplish this next phase of the inclusion journey.

"To the campus community, thank you for your vulnerability and trust through this process. We are moving in a positive direction to becoming a more inclusive community."

Witherspoon says, "I want to publicly acknowledge and thank the committee for the countless meetings in small and large groups, with community members and separately learning of our community carries on! As covered in the Whitman Newsroom, the Whitman's physical campus may be closed, but the connective spirit and dedication to our community, with implementation an iterative process that will help move Whitman forward in becoming a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and working community."

The action plan will be released to the campus community the week of August 24. An open and transparent rollout of the included items will require engagement across all facets of the college community, with implementation an iterative process that will be revised and re-evaluated as part of our safety protocols and contact tracing process.

Conversely in Whitman

COVID-19 in Walla Walla

Records of the Whitman County Health Department show 420 confirmed cases in Walla Walla County continue to rise, with 95 new confirmed cases over the past week. The county health department was notified of the case:

The individual’s work space and other places of interaction were sanitized.

COVID-19 at Whitman

On July 30, President Murray sent a note to campus regarding the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in the Whitman community. The following safety protocols were put into immediate effect as soon as the college was notified:

- All students, faculty, and staff will be sent an email with a COVID-19 update, which includes a link to a COVID-19 information center.
- Information Added to Fall 2020 Information Center

Vital data from the Whitman County COVID-19 dashboard is provided. The Whitman COVID-19 dashboard includes information for Whitman County residents with active cases of COVID-19. Of the total 420 cases confirmed, 81 are among people 20-34, 130 people aged 35-49, 128 people aged 40-59, and 67 people aged 60 and above.

Beckman Scholars are leading a group of science students in remotely carrying out research together and supporting each other over the summer. Each Friday at 10 a.m. through July and August, join Whitman’s Coronavirus Task Force chair Josh Jensen to ask questions about Whitman’s return-to-work and -class planning for the fall. All faculty and staff are invited to join.

Health Tips

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10 a.m.

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