



Whitman Today

Monday, February 1, 2021

Whitman, Post-Quarantine



It's an exciting day as we enter Threshold Action Level 2 (Medium)—in-person and hybrid classes begin meeting face-to-face, students can sit six feet apart in Cleveland to eat poke bowls or Whitman Smashed Burgers and [Penrose](#) is now open for scheduled study space!

Other than that, the basics of post-quarantine life at Whitman are not changing too much. You still have to follow everything agreed to in the [Community Pledge](#), including:

- Wearing a mask any time you are in a public space, indoor or outdoor.
- Staying six feet apart from other people.
- Completing the Daily Wellness Check.
- Observing all posted maximum occupancy signs indoors.
- Following [state guidelines](#) for Walla Walla County, including not hosting or attending indoor visits with people from outside your household.

As Coronavirus Task Force Chair Peter Harvey noted in an [email to the Whitman community](#) last Friday, monitoring how the situation goes on campus with increased in-person activity will help determine when and how safety protocols are adapted in the future.

Q: If we are out of quarantine, can I go visit my friend in a different residence hall?

A: No, not yet. Right now you are only allowed to enter the residence hall that you live in. In your personal room, you are allowed one visitor from within your residence hall and you both must wear masks and keep six feet apart. Inter-campus visits is one of those things that will be re-evaluated in a few weeks in light of what happens with the initial post-quarantine activities.

[COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

Announcements

Post Office Operations

Beginning today, the campus post office will resume regular mail deliveries to campus buildings. Students can pick up mail and packages at Reid. The post office is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Student Printing Pickup Locations

Beginning today, student printing pickup locations are based on the first letter of the last name as follows:

- A-G: Hall of Science Atrium (under the staircase)
- H-O: Reid Campus Center fireplace lounge
- P-Z: Hunter Conservatory Room 205

Pick up times are 10–11 a.m., 1–2:30 p.m., and 4–5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Happening This Week

MONDAY, FEB. 1, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 2, 3–4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 5, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

[Student Employment Paperwork Processing](#)

Human Resources representatives will be outside of Reid Campus Center at the times above to complete student employment documentation. If these times do not work for you, email hr@whitman.edu to set up an appointment. If you have previously been authorized to work, you do not need to repeat this authorization process.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3

8:30 p.m.

[Take a Pause This Week](#)

Whitman Office of Religious and Spiritual Life invites you to *Pause*, a 20-minute study break where we take time to breathe, relax, and de-stress.

THURSDAY, FEB. 4

4 p.m.

[Roundtable: Comparative Racisms](#)

A panel of professors from around the country will consider the incommensurability of racial subjugations, the intersection of race with other interlocking forms of oppression and the possibilities for cross-racial solidarity.

FRIDAY, FEB. 5

[Student Registration Deadlines](#)

This is the final day to add classes, complete the student check-in process and submit a pay-per-credit application. Contact the [Registrar's Office](#) with any questions.

Whitman Events Calendar

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

Campus and Community Health



Ongoing COVID-19 Testing

Were you chosen for surveillance testing this week? If you received the email you must get tested today or tomorrow between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Cordiner Hall.

Whitman conducts weekly COVID-19 testing of a sample of our community (residential students, off-campus students, staff and faculty who are approved to access campus) to identify asymptomatic cases and possible transmission.

This surveillance testing is an essential part of our campus health and safety plan. If you do not take an assigned COVID-19 test during the surveillance process, your access to campus will be revoked.

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Submissions are welcome! If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, an event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, email whitmantoday@whitman.edu. Submissions should be 125 words or less. The deadline for submissions is noon for the following day's newsletter, though submissions may be held for a later date according to space and editorial needs.

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