COVID-19 Surveillance Testing

If you receive a COVID-19 surveillance test assignment for the week, testing will be available today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Corinov Hall if you feel it is safe for you to come to campus. If it is not, we will also have testing available from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow. COVID-19 Surveillance testing:

**Campus Closed Due to Severe Weather**

Campus will be closed today due to oncoming severe weather. Please seek shelter; it may be difficult for some community members to travel to campus and find warming stations. Random sample surveillance testing will also be canceled for the day. In-person classes will move to an online format if possible. Professors will be in touch with students with details specific to their individual classes via email or Canvas.

Additional testing is available today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Corinov Hall if you feel it is safe for you to come to campus. If it is not, we will also have testing available from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow. If it is not, we will also have testing available from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow.

**Happening Today**

9 a.m.–2 p.m. COVID-19 Testing

4:30 p.m. Craft Your Future: A Professional Development Series: Communication in the Workplace with Shelly Thomas

7 p.m. Algorithms of Oppression: How Search Engines Reinforce

**An event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, please contact Communications Printing and Mailing Services Manager Christie Fuller at 509-527-5160 or fullerch@whitman.edu.**

**Deadline for Placing Stationery Orders**

Today is the deadline to place orders through Whitman online printing. Delivery on the day is also available. There is also the waiting for double-layer cloth mask. This workshop will teach you the best communication practices no matter your audience.

The generalized take-away from the study is that the most important qualities for effective protection are that a face mask includes multiple layers and fits snugly to the contours of your face. Therefore, double masking may not be necessary if you are wearing a properly fitted cloth mask. A high-quality, adjustable ear loop type like those Whitman provided with the cloth mask is also available online.

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Do you want to submit to quarterlife, but don’t know where to start? You’re in luck! quarterlife is excited to announce an event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, please contact Communications Printing and Mailing Services Manager Christie Fuller at 509-527-5160 or fullerch@whitman.edu.

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It was almost a year ago that Whitman made the decision to close campus to protect the community from COVID-19. And though the pandemic still loomed over the 2020–2021 academic year, the return to in-person classes marked the beginning of a new phase. As we look back on the past year, the Whitman Magazine staff invites students, faculty and staff to share what items they would place in a time capsule to commemorate the tumultuous time. Perhaps it’s a hand-sewn mask or a bottle of DIY hand sanitizer you mixed yourself because it was sold out everywhere. Or maybe it’s a cardboard drawer you marked in quarantine, or a book that brought you comfort when things looked bleak. Why—Lara Hale, Whitman Magazine editor—at whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

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Q: Should I be double masking?

A: Well, that depends. The recent CDC study that investigated double masking was testing specifically at how to improve the effectiveness of disposable medical masks, and the study found that it was difficult to evenly distribute the two layers of cloth. In fact, the study found that 63 percent of the time, they would not fit tightly against the face. Adding a cloth face mask to a disposable medical mask provided additional layers of protection and improved the effectiveness of the medical mask.

So, if you wear a disposable medical mask, a single or double-layer cloth mask or any type of mask that does not fit snugly against your nose, cheeks and chin, you should consider double masking. This is most important for those who wear glasses, as the moisture from the breath can fog up the lenses. If you are wearing a properly fitted cloth mask, double masking may not be necessary. Double masking may not be necessary if you are wearing a properly fitted cloth mask.

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**Algorithms of Oppression: How Search Engines Reinforce**

Dr. Saya Umoja Noble will discuss her book Algorithms of Oppression, the impact of marginalization and misrepresentation in commercial information platforms like Google search and the power struggles over public information needs.