The All-Important Green Checkmark

Beginning tomorrow, any member of the Whitman community who is anticipated to come to campus at any point in the spring for classes, recreation or work will begin receiving the Daily Wellness Check. This short survey is conducted through knowledge and can be completed daily in the Everbridge app. If you complete the wellness check with no report of symptoms or possible COVID-19 exposure, you will receive the green badge signifying that you are approved to be on campus. This badge may be displayed in the Everbridge app.

If you think you should receive the Daily Wellness Check and you do not, it is likely because you have not completed all the required steps:

- Signed the Community Pledge
- Finished the EverFi "Staying Healthy in a Changing Environment" training
- Completed the Spring 2021 Address Update in the Academic Profile menu under the Students tab in myWhitman (students only)

As stated in the community pledge, we expect every member of the Whitman Community to download the Everbridge app on their smartphone if they are able.

Announcements

Summer Social Justice Internships
First years, sophomores and juniors, are you an advocate of social justice? The Emerson Collective is looking for interns passionate about issues of immigration, youth engagement, health, and more. [Read more on the available eight-week paid internships with areas in communications, project support, events, policy, and research. Housing and travel stipends are offered. Act quickly! The deadline for application submission is Jan. 15.]

Question of the Week

In just a few days, most of us will be in Walla Walla and some people will even be on campus. So this week, we want to know: What is one place on campus or in town you are excited to visit when the initial quarantine period ends? Where will you go?

Happening This Week

TUESDAY, JAN. 12 - SUNDAY, JAN. 17, various times
COVID-19 Testing
The initial round of COVID-19 testing will take place with dates for employees, o-campus students and on-campus students.

THURSDAY, JAN. 14 & FRIDAY, JAN. 15, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
WIDE Community Learning Days
The Whitman Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (WIDE) Committee is pleased to welcome all Whitman faculty and staff to the inaugural Community Learning Days. These two days are focused on building cultural competencies through multiple discussion formats including an interdisciplinary panel and individual workshops on disability, invisible labor and LGBTQIA+ identities.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15, 11 a.m.
Unconference: Looking Back on Fall 2020 and Forward to Spring 2021
AITAG and the CTL Steering Committee invite you to this hour-long informal, participant-driven forum for sharing lessons learned from our Fall 2020 teaching experiences with an opportunity to brainstorm ideas as we get ready for the spring. [Read more on this Google Form. Otherwise, nothing else is needed. Simply bring yourself and your reflections on teaching this past semester. Please connect via Zoom.]

Campus and Community Health

Clean Hands Save Lives
Regular handwashing is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others. Whether you are at home, work or out in the community, handwashing with soap and water can protect you and the people you love. When soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol is a good alternative. [Read more on how to protect yourself and others from getting sick.]

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