First Day of Classes

President Kathy Murray shares her excitement at seeing the liveliness on campus. And, while we celebrate the first day of classes, she recognizes that we start this semester in a fragile situation that requires all of us to continue working and learning together this semester.

Campus and Community Health

Ongoing COVID-19 Testing

Beginning today, Whitman will conduct weekly testing of a sample of students residing on campus. Each week, we opportunistically test campus to identify asymptomatic cases and reduce transmission.

Announcements

Erin Melendez, Random Selection Coordinator, shared:

"This week, any student or resident who is not approved to access campus (with the exception of students who are approved to access campus for a legitimate reason related to their work or living arrangement) will be randomly selected into the weekly sample and receive an email with further instructions when they are selected. The random testing is an important tool in our campus health and safety plan. If you have been excluded from random testing, please email whitmantoday@whitman.edu to discuss your situation.

Question of the Week

This week, it’s time for our first-day-of-classes check-in. So, we want to know: how are you feeling?

This week, any student who requests an Eco-Takeout container will get one at no cost. For students placing orders through the mobile app, there will be the option to ask for a reusable container in the notes section. It is expected that students will bring back their used container and exchange it for a fresh one or a token card if they are not getting another right away.

Eco-Takeouts Reusable Container Program Launches Today

MONDAY, JAN. 25-FRIDAY, JAN. 29: UNITY WEEK

Individuals will be randomly selected into the weekly sample and receive an email with further instructions when they are selected. The random testing is an important tool in our campus health and safety plan. If you do not take an assigned COVID-19 test during the surveillance plan, your access to campus will be revoked. 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 plan, your access to campus will be revoked.

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How to Submit

If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, submit your story and photos to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.