



# Whitman Today

Friday, January 29, 2021

## Just a Few More Days



### We are in this **together.**

There are just a few more days in our initial quarantine period, which means it's time for a quick review of what we all need to do to move into our next phase of community life:

#### Cover Your Airholes (All of Them)

Wearing a face mask properly is one of the most important things you can do to help prevent transmission of COVID-19. The face coverings Whitman provides are triple-layered, with a high-quality filter in the center. By pinching the nose bridge down snugly and tightening the ear loops so that the mask fits closely against your cheeks and chin, you not only prevent your aerosols from spreading to others but also protect yourself from breathing in the vast majority of germs.

#### Take Your Tests (And Hope You Fail Them)

This is one situation where a negative result is good! Beginning on Monday, our COVID-19 surveillance testing will be switching to a saliva specimen, so no more tickly cotton swabs up the nose. Remember that if you are assigned a test during our weekly surveillance testing, it is essential you take it during the prescribed time or you will lose access to campus.

#### Share Your Quarientation Photos

Finally, however weird or wonderful these two weeks of quarantine have been, we want to see what you've been up to! Send your submissions to [photocontest@whitman.edu](mailto:photocontest@whitman.edu) by Jan. 30 and include your name, class year and IG handle (optional). Some Quarientation Photo Contest submissions are on our [Instagram](#) and more contest details are on the [Spring Orientation webpage](#).

## Announcements

#### Eco-Takeouts Reusable Container Program

Planning to get your meal from Cleveland Commons to go? Of course you are, that's the only option right now! But you do have one choice: you can choose to grab your meal in a sustainable, reusable container.

Through the weekend, 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. Just make sure to bring back the used container and exchange it for a fresh one or a token card if not getting another meal right away.

## Happening Today

- Noon [Continuing the Conversation: One Man's Story of Coming of Age in the Segregated South](#)  
*Rev. Dr. Luther Felder will tell his story of navigating segregation throughout the South in the '50s and '60s, and those moments that galvanized not only his commitment to social justice, but the role faith played in his life and in the movement.*
- 5 p.m. [Interview with Ed Yong, Science Writer](#)  
*Ed Yong is a science journalist who reports for The Atlantic. He covers everything that is or was once alive, and has spent most of 2020 focused on the COVID-19 pandemic.*
- 5:30 p.m. [Whitman Women's Basketball vs. University of Puget Sound](#)
- 8 p.m. [Whitman Men's Basketball vs. University of Puget Sound](#)

### Whitman Events Calendar

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

## Question of the Week: Answer Edition

This week we had our first day of class check-in. It turns out that no matter how many years you've been teaching or studying, there's still a lot of nerves involved for most people!



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