We're In: The White House COVID-19 College Vaccine Challenge

As part of our commitment to helping bring the COVID-19 pandemic to an end, we are pleased to share that Whitman has joined the White House COVID-19 College Vaccine Challenge.

Participating colleges and universities make three key commitments:

1. Make sure every member of our campus community knows they are eligible for the vaccine and has the resources to find one.
2. Lead the way by identifying champions for vaccine efforts across campus and implementing a plan to get as many members of your college community vaccinated as soon as possible.
3. Meet your community where it is: Bring vaccines on-site, and make it easy for students, staff, and faculty to get vaccinated at sites nearby them this summer.

With 69% of our current employees and students vaccinated, we’ve still got a ways to go before we reach our goal of a fully vaccinated campus. Over the summer, we’ll continue to share information on where to get vaccinated and how to report your completed vaccinations.

Travel and Quarantine

Employees and students who are vaccinated may travel within the U.S. without quarantining upon return to campus. Anyone who has not provided proof of vaccination must quarantine for ten days before returning to campus.

Announcements

The Student Engagement Center is Active This Summer

Stay connected with the Student Engagement Center this summer! Follow them on Instagram to see helpful graphics on networking best practices, Handshake tips and more. Plus, check out the center’s Facebook page for student stories, articles on higher education career trends and news of alumni accomplishments in many industries.

Harvey Pool Open for Limited Summer Hours

Harvey Pool is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3–5 p.m. Access is for current students, faculty and staff who have a campus summer access badge. Please be prepared to show it when entering the pool building. Users must preregister for a time slot using the reservation system. In accordance with the latest campus policy, they will not be requiring masks in the pool area from either pool users or our lifeguards. Locker rooms are still closed for changing and pool users should enter the pool through the lobby door.

Upcoming Events

THROUGH JUNE 30

Campus Construction

Portions of the campus heating system will be replaced, with construction happening near Harper Joy Theater, Hall of Science, Penrose Library and Sherwood Athletic Center. Please take care when near these areas.

MONDAY, JUNE 14 – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

various times

Fulbright Information Sessions

If you're considering applying for a Fulbright Award, attend these three webinars covering various components of application.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

8:30–10 a.m.

Employee COVID-19 Testing

Any employee who has not submitted proof of COVID-19 vaccination must be tested in order to receive the weekly campus access badge. Testing will take place at Welty Student Health Center.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

noon

Inclusion in STEM

Announce Science Summer Research students on Zoom or at the fish statue on Ankeny for the next session of their Summer Seminar Series. Open to all student researchers regardless of discipline.

Whitman Events Calendar

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

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