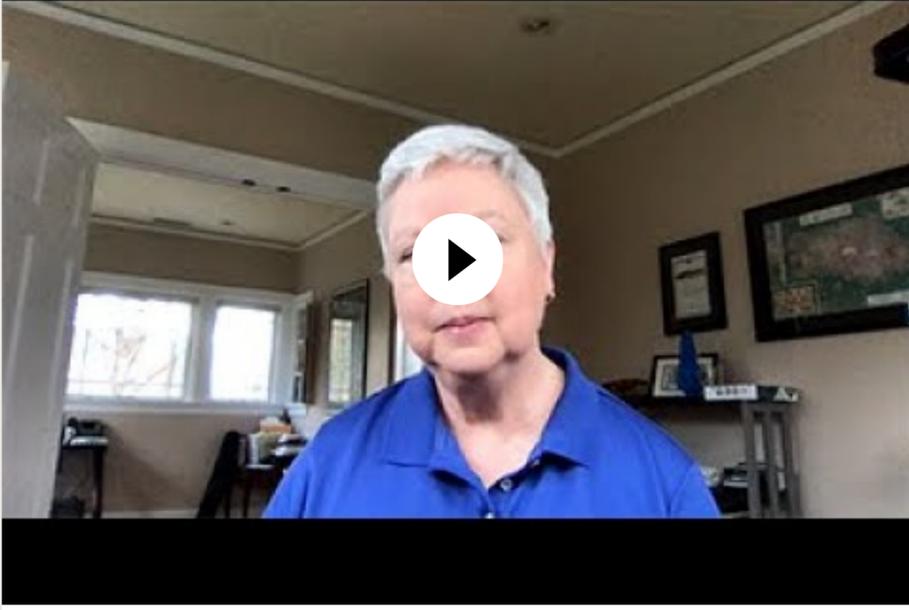




Whitman Today

Monday, March 30, 2020

Weekly Update from the President



Coronavirus News

At this time we have no known cases of coronavirus in Whitman students, faculty or staff. However, there are five confirmed cases in Walla Walla County. It's worth pointing out that two of the cases in Walla Walla are patients in their 20s. This further highlights the importance of social distancing for our own students and the responsibility we all have to do what we can to slow the spread of coronavirus in Walla Walla.

Also, the federal government has now extended recommendations on social distancing through the month of April. That means all Americans must continue to avoid nonessential travel, going to work, eating at restaurants or gathering in groups for at least another month, and perhaps until June.

[More Coronavirus Updates from Whitman](#)

Announcements

Online Classes Start Today! Be sure to check your email regularly so you don't miss out on information from your professors!

Campus Buildings Closed: During the Washington State "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order, all academic buildings are closed. Access to other spaces on campus is limited. Please see our [Building Hours website](#) for updated information on hours and access.

Card Swipe Access: Students may notice changes to their swipe card access for the remainder of the semester. Based on the responses received from the Post-Spring Break Travel Form, swipe access to buildings has been turned off for students who indicated they would not return to campus for the semester. In addition, student access to residence halls is now limited to their residence only.

Campus Resources

Welty Student Health Center: For students remaining in Walla Walla, the [Health Center](#) is available by appointment only. If you need to see a provider, call 509-527-5281 for assistance. All students can access free virtual care through [UW Medicine](#). The virtual clinic is available to all persons, regardless of where you live in the U.S.

Counseling Center: Feeling stressed, or need someone to talk to? The [Counseling Center](#) is available and can do teletherapy to students who physically reside in Washington state. Students outside Washington can receive a referral to a local counselor. Call 509-527-5195 to reach scheduling services or the on-call therapist.

CARE Team: As long as classes are in session, whether online or in-person, we will be responding to concerns raised about students' wellbeing and thriving. The team meets weekly to coordinate support of students. We want to continue to encourage people to send [CARE notes to the team](#). This is particularly important now, as the campus is dispersed in various locations. Even though we are meeting virtually, we are still in the business of caring at CARE Team. If you have concerns about a student, [contact the CARE Team](#).

[Coronavirus FAQs](#)

Online Learning Tips and Tools

Be Prepared for Online Classes: Take inventory of your technology, and reach out to your faculty if you have concerns about equipment. Your professors will be in touch about how they will structure your class, including the what, when, where, and how. Check out the [Online Learning Resources](#) website for tips about technology and accessing materials.

[Online Learning Resources for Students](#)

Health Reminder

Wash Your Hands: The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds frequently. That means before and after you handle food or eat; after using the restroom; when entering and leaving public spaces; and when touching any shared surfaces.

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

Happening Today and Tomorrow

TODAY

4 p.m. [Staying Safe in Uncertain Times](#)
Join VP for Diversity and Inclusion Thomas Witherspoon and Director of Security Marvin Viney in a live Instagram chat, @whitmancollegediversity.

TOMORROW

2 p.m. [Spirituali-Tea Tuesday with Adam Kirtley](#)
Join Interfaith Chapin Adam Kirtley via Zoom for a conversation about restfulness vs. busy-ness.

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

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