



# Whitman Today

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

## Coronavirus News

There have been no new coronavirus cases reported in Walla Walla County in the last 24 hours. There are five confirmed cases. One patient has recovered. There have been no coronavirus-related deaths reported in Walla Walla County.

Three more states issued stay at home orders on Monday – Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Roughly three out of every four people in the United States are, or soon will be, under instructions to stay inside as states try and stop the spread of coronavirus and protect hospitals from becoming overwhelmed.

[More Coronavirus Updates from Whitman](#)

## Announcements

### Post Office Adjusts Hours

The Whitman Post Office will only be open Wednesday and Friday during the stay at home advisory. To pick up mail or packages, Whitman community members can go to the Park Street side doors at Reid Campus Center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and call the Post Office at 509-527-5903. Someone from the Post Office will bring your mail out to you. Outgoing mail will be processed at Boyer House, also Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Knock on the mailroom door adjacent to the parking lot or call 509-527-5793. Mail deliveries around the campus will be on hold until further notice.

### Employee Assistance Program Orientation Wednesday

[Cascade Centers](#) will join us via webinar from noon to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, to explain the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) benefits available to employees and their eligible dependents. They will explore the types of issues that would lead someone to utilize this benefit, ways to contact the Employee Assistance Program, and how the EAP can help. To view this webinar, [please register ahead of time](#). Email Human Resources at [hr@whitman.edu](mailto:hr@whitman.edu) if you have questions.

## Campus Resources

**Title IX:** Even though classes and other academic programs are being provided online, Whitman College is still committed to maintaining an academic program free from sex/gender discrimination. The [Title IX office](#) remains open and is here to support anyone impacted by sex/gender discrimination. To make a report, contact [Title IX officer Juli Dunn](#). Investigations and hearings will be conducted remotely, and remedies provided, to assure that any sexual harassment, sexual violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, retaliation or other sexually discriminatory behaviors are addressed promptly.

**Victims Advocate Available:** Whitman's Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Jessica Matthews is still available to students, faculty and staff throughout the rest of the spring semester and beyond. You can contact her at 509-526-3032 or [sava@ywcaww.org](mailto:sava@ywcaww.org) to set up a phone call or a face-to-face virtual meeting to talk with a confidential person after experiencing any form of sex-or gender-based discrimination, harassment or violence. Though things may be operating a little differently with precautions surrounding COVID-19, we want to assure you that we are still available and we are here for you. And as usual, someone is always available on the YWCA's 24/7 crisis line at 509-529-9922.

**Campus Security:** Our [security team](#) continues to monitor campus to ensure the safety of our students, staff and faculty. If you have concerns, you can reach them at 509-527-5777.

[Coronavirus FAQs](#)

## Online Learning Tips and Tools

**Penrose Library:** While physical access to Penrose Library and Northwest Archives are not available, the library staff has worked hard to make digital resources available for our students. See the [Remote Access to Resources and Services website](#) for information about online databases and digital resources to help you. Librarians are also available [via email](#) and [chat](#) to answer your questions. The chat function is staffed seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Remotely, you can still access all of the Library's digital resources, including e-books.

[Online Learning Resources for Students](#)

## Health Reminder

**Feel Sick? Stay Home.** Even if you know that you do not have COVID-19, it's important to stay home when you are ill and avoid contact with others. It's important during this time of strained health care systems that we work to prevent the spread of all illnesses.

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

## Happening Today

TODAY

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](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

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