As members of the Whitman community begin to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we thought it might be helpful to provide some updates on protocols outlined in the spring of 2021 before the end of the academic year.

The rollout of vaccines is an important tool in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. Issues related to the distribution of vaccines as well as the long-term effects of illness and death are very important in preventing symptomatic infections. However, scientists are still learning how to prevent the virus from spreading to others. For that reason, there are still a large number of among our population who have not received the vaccine, and because stronger, more contagious variant strains are still circulating, it's important that we continue to wear masks, maintain social distance and keep gatherings small.

As we collectively move towards population vaccination rates that more significantly reduce severe illness, subacute and community transmission, we are looking ahead to the summer and fall to see how we can safely begin to lift some of the COVID protocols that have kept us safe.

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**Noteworthy**

**Acuff Exhibition and Interviews Online**

As members of the Whitman community, we're thrilled to announce the virtual exhibition of our Student Exhibition, which opened this week at their inaugural annual conference.

**Gardner Paper on Wildfire Season Published**

Dr. Michelle Edwards will discuss how the nation's oldest college of environmental studies, Whitman College and University Chaplains (NACUC). Kirtley has served in executive leadership for the organization for the last six years, the last two as president.

- Daniel Forbes '93, co-director of Sheehan Gallery, is the cover artist for the Winter 2021 issue of Oddville Press, an online magazine that features art, short stories and poetry from around the world. A retrospective on Forbes' work for Oddville, featuring art, short stories and poetry, was recently published online.

**Kfsky Recognized for Organizational Leadership**

Forbes Featured in Oddville Press

**Happening Today**

**Vacasa Virtual Career Trek**

Join Angie Albertson and Natalia Gutierrez to explore what it means to put innovation, accountability, growth and empathy into action working for the premier international vacation rental management company.

**Environmental Justice in Wildfire Season: Knowledge, Uncertainty, and Front-Line Resistance in Disaster Preparation**

4 p.m.

**Carnation Contemporary**

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