



Whitman Today

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Coronavirus News

The Walla Walla County Department of Community Health adjusted its coronavirus numbers in the past 24 hours. The county now says there have been 106 confirmed cases in the county, one fewer than previously reported, 64 residents have recovered from the virus, four fewer than previously reported.

In a briefing on Thursday, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee said there's no guarantee the state will be ready to enter phase two of reopening on June 1. Inslee made the comment during a briefing to discuss the gradual reopening of retail, auto and hospitality industries. Inslee also issued guidance clarifying how outdoor recreation would be allowed to open during phase one and phase two of the plan. It includes safety guidelines for staffed outdoor tennis facilities, guided fishing, paddle sports, ATV and horseback riding, go-cart tracks and motorsports, and other outdoor activities that are similar in operation.

[Whitman's Coronavirus Website](#)

Announcements

Whitman Today Moves to Weekly Distribution

Beginning Monday, May 18, through the summer, Whitman Today will be reduced to weekly distribution to the Whitman community. Submissions should be made by noon Friday for the following week's newsletter, and sent to whitmantoday@whitman.edu. Questions about Whitman Today can be directed to Internal Communications Strategist [Heidi Pitts](#).

Japanese Program Presents Carlstrom Award

The Japanese Studies program is pleased to announce that the recipient of its annual Connie Jill Carlstrom Award is Akane Kleinkopf '20. Kleinkopf has served as resident assistant for the Tekisuijuku House, and was the first student to complete the recently established Japanese language and literature major, earning "distinction" on her oral exams. Her language abilities far exceed the standard fourth-year program, noted Assistant Professor Akira "Ron" Takemoto. The award is given annually in memory of Jill Carlstrom '93.

Office of Sustainability Releases Spring 2020 Update

As the semester comes to a close, the Office of Sustainability is pleased to share a [sustainability update](#). The update contains information about new approaches and resources while celebrating some of Whitman's sustainability accomplishments from the last year. Please email Campus Sustainability Coordinator [Elissa Brown](#) with questions or comments.

Campus Resources

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.

Health Reminder

Remember that social distancing guidelines are still in place! Whether you are in common areas of your residence hall, walking around campus or picking up food in Cleveland Commons, it's important to keep six feet of distance between yourself and others. This protects the health of our entire community.

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

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

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