Coronavirus News

Gov. Jay Inslee is extending Washington’s stay-home order through May 31 in an attempt to prevent a second round of coronavirus cases. In the plan laid out Friday, Washington’s economy and social life would reopen in four phases, with some types of businesses beginning to reopen in mid-May in the first phase.

Each phase for reopening will take at least three weeks, to allow state officials to assess if the approach is working. The dates for each phase were not announced. The governor cited a number of models and metrics that will inform his decision-making, including the daily number of new confirmed cases, as well as COVID-19 hospitalizations, hospital data and projections for how the virus may spread.

Additional outdoor activities will be allowed starting this week, but the ban on large gatherings remains in place.

Since Friday, there were 11 new positive coronavirus tests in Walla Walla County. So far there have been 88 confirmed cases in the county and 34 residents have recovered from the virus.

Announcements

Campus Post Office Updates Hours
The Whitman campus post office, located in Reid Campus Center, will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for mail pickup. To receive your mail, go to the Park Street side doors of Reid and call 509-527-5903. Someone will bring your mail to you.

Where’s a Whittie Quiz
Thanks to all who followed along with the Where’s a Whittie Instagram takeover last week. To wrap up Where’s a Whittie, take this short quiz on our featured alumni. If you do well enough, you could win a prize! The quiz will be open until Wednesday, May 6.

Campus Resources

A Reminder About On-Campus Printing
Since academic buildings are closed affecting access to printers, the Whitman College Print Shop will be fulfilling your printing needs. If you need something printed Monday through Friday, fill out this form before noon and choose a pickup time between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. that same day. If your print request is received after noon, your order will be available on the following business day. Printing will not be available on the weekends.

Pickup will happen at Boyer House (34 Boyer Ave., next to the GAC, and across from the Walla Walla Sub Shop). Please enter through the front doors, pick up your printing and exit immediately. We also ask that you keep social distancing protocols in mind.

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.

More Upcoming Events

3:45 p.m. Adopt-a-Grandparent (virtually) The Psychology of Aging and Social Distancing with Professor Prull and Austin Chiles ’22. Join Rudo Ndamba ’21 and Austin Chiles ’22, Adopt-a-Grandparent program leaders, for a virtual faculty event featuring Professor of Psychology Matthew Prull about the psychology of aging.

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

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