



Whitman Today

Friday, May 8, 2020

Coronavirus News

In the last 24 hours, there was one new positive coronavirus test in Walla Walla County. That makes for a total of 95 confirmed cases in the county and 54 residents have recovered from the virus.

By the end of the day, Gov. Jay Inslee's office is expected to issue guidance to restart the remaining phase-one businesses. That would allow landscapers and pet walkers back to work, and for retail stores to offer curbside pickup. Guidance for restarting some businesses listed in phase two of the reopening— which could begin soon in some less-affected rural counties, if their plans are approved — could also come as early as today.

More than 40 states are at least partially reopened, but there is still some confusion about guidance from the federal government after the White House opted to ignore the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations for reopening America.

[Whitman's Coronavirus Website](#)

Announcements

Committee Creating Plan for Employees to Return to Work
The Employment/Student Work group, led by Telara McCullough, is currently developing a Transitioning Back to Campus Guide for staff, supervisors and managers to support a phased return to work on campus. If your area is working on its own plan or about to begin, please contact [McCullough](#) to help coordinate an approach for all employees that is consistent with state and federal guidelines.

Free Webinar for Parents May 13
Cascade Centers, Whitman's Employee Assistance Program (EAP), is offering a webinar on "Family Stress and Parenting Children under 12 During Covid-19" on Wednesday, May 13, at 11 a.m. This webinar will address family dynamic challenges, parenting children younger than 12 years of age while in quarantine, co-parenting strategies, creating a family schedule and mindfulness practices for coping with anxious feelings. [Register for the webinar](#). See [Cascade Centers](#) website for more information about its services, including COVID-19 specific resources. Please contact Human Resources at hr@whitman.edu with any questions.

Online Learning Resources

Are you finishing your research for the semester? The Penrose Library is here to help! Reference librarians are available [online via chat](#) to answer questions and provide research guidance from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. You may also [email the library](#) or call at 833-PENROSE to leave a voicemail regarding assistance.

Happening Today

8 p.m.

[Intramural Trivia Night](#)

Join us for a fun trivia night! We'll be using a combo of Google Meet and Kahoot, so make sure to find your team and have a cell phone, tablet or laptop nearby.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

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