



Whitman Today

Friday, May 21, 2021

The 135th Commencement



Congratulations to the Class of 2021! Members of the Whitman community can join in this Sunday's commencement via the college's livestream, which will begin on the [commencement page of our website](#) shortly before the 10 a.m. ceremony.

Please remember that the in-person event is only for graduates, event staff and volunteers. Areas of campus included in commencement events will be closed to the public.

Q: I already had COVID-19 and recovered. Do I still need to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

A: Yes, you should get the vaccine even if you already had COVID-19.

Data shows it is uncommon to be reinfected with COVID-19 within 90 days after you were infected. That means you might have some protection (called natural immunity) from COVID-19 for at least a little while. But we don't know how long that natural immunity really lasts. If you only rely on natural immunity for protection, you risk getting sick again and spreading the virus to others. That's why it's important to get the vaccine, even if you had COVID-19.

Announcements

Campus Street Closures

This weekend campus security will be placing traffic barriers at the intersections of S. Park St. and Boyer Ave and Otis St. and Boyer Ave. The traffic barriers will be in place from Saturday at 5 p.m. until Sunday at 5 p.m. All vehicle traffic should plan to use an alternate route during that time.

Whitman Today Summer Schedule

Beginning Monday, May 24, Whitman Today will move to a twice-weekly schedule, publishing on Mondays and Thursdays. Submissions are due by noon on Friday for the Monday editions and noon Wednesday for the Thursday editions.

Happening This Weekend

TODAY

1-4 p.m.

Senior COVID-19 Testing

Mandatory COVID-19 testing for any senior planning to walk in commencement who has not submitted documentation of receiving the COVID-19 vaccination.

TOMORROW

2:30 p.m.

Baccalaureate

All members of the Whitman community, especially graduates and their families, are invited to this online ceremony of reflection with Interfaith Chaplain Adam Kirtley, Professor Akiro Takemoto and speaker senior Amara Killen.

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

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

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Submissions are welcome! If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, an event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, email whitmantoday@whitman.edu. Submissions should be 125 words or less. The deadline for submissions is noon for the following day's newsletter, though submissions may be held for a later date according to space and editorial needs. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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