



# Whitman Today

Thursday, November 12, 2020

## Throwback Thursday



## Announcements

### Off-Campus Studies/Study Abroad Spring 2021 Update

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## Campus and Community Health



### COVID-19 in Walla Walla

Currently there are 400 total cases of COVID-19 in Walla Walla County. Of these, 387 residents are isolating at home and 13 in the hospital. Over the past week, five cases were confirmed in Whitman employees and students living in Walla Walla.

COVID-19 numbers appear weekly on Thursdays in Whitman Today and cases involving members of the Whitman community are updated regularly on the [COVID-19 at Whitman webpage](#).

As a reminder, following confirmation of a COVID-19 case on campus the following steps are taken:

- Anyone who had **close contact** with the individual is informed.
- The individual's work space and other places of interaction are sanitized.
- The county health department is notified and takes over the contact tracing process.

Remember, face masks are one of the most effective ways to prevent the transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19. You should always wear a face covering when you're around people who don't live with you. This includes close friends and family. It may feel awkward to do this around people you know well and trust, but many people get COVID-19 from someone who doesn't have symptoms yet. Even if you're keeping some physical distance, it's still a good idea to wear a face covering.

## Noteworthy

### Cordner Paper Published in Sociological Perspectives

Alissa Cordner, associate professor of sociology, and co-authors Lauren Richter and Phil Brown published "[Producing Ignorance Through Regulatory Structure: The Case of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\)](#)" in the journal Sociological Perspectives. In this paper, they build on prior research to examine how ignorance can be produced by regulatory systems. They use mixed qualitative methods to show how "chemical regulatory pathways" lead to distinct types of ignorance and knowledge accumulating in different institutional spheres, generally to the detriment of widespread knowledge about risk.

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## Happening Today

### TODAY

11:30 a.m.

[Medicinal chemistry in action: an example from Hepatitis C research](#)

*Dr. Will Watkins (vice president of medicinal chemistry at Gilead Sciences) will give a lecture on the development of groundbreaking treatments for Hepatitis C.*

5 p.m.

[Open Mic Night](#)

*Join Whitman Events Board for the November Open Mic Night! Come perform a song, poem or any other form of creative expression. [Sign up to perform.](#)*

[More Upcoming Events](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

## Chaplain Chat



We are in the moment just before the drop: what does dance music have to teach us about living in this complicated political season? Interfaith Chaplain Adam Kirtley ruminates on preparing for the challenges ahead of us as a nation.

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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](mailto: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.

