



# Whitman Today

Thursday, October 8, 2020

## Final Day: Free Flu Shots for Students



This fall and winter, getting a flu vaccine is especially important for protecting essential workers who are vital to keeping our communities going. Essential workers may be at higher risk of being exposed to flu and COVID-19. The more people vaccinated, the more people are protected against flu.

To do our part in supporting community health, Whitman is providing free flu vaccinations to all students in Walla Walla. **Flu shots are available at the Welty Student Health Center today between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and no appointment is necessary; just make sure to bring your WID.** Any vaccines remaining will be made available to employees next week and more details will be shared about that option.

If you are a student living outside Walla Walla, flu shots are generally paid for by insurance and are often available without appointment in grocery store and drugstore pharmacies.

## Announcements

### Outdoor Program Rental Shop and Bike Shop Now Open to Students

The Rental Shop is open for students only to pick up and drop off of gear Monday-Friday from 1-4:30 p.m. Students must schedule a pick-up and drop-off time through [this link](#). Pick up happens outside the Reid Campus Center on the Park St. side on the sidewalk/grassy area near the bike racks. Students are required to wear a face mask and maintain 6' of physical distance. If you see another party in the pick up zone, please wait until they leave. Call the Rental Shop at 509-527-5965 or text Lish at 610-737-2680 when you arrive to pick up your gear.

The Bike Shop will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2-4:30 p.m. for curbside service. Use [this link](#) to reserve a time to drop off bikes for service, rent mountain bikes or purchase used bikes.

## Noteworthy

### Ichsan Receives APPA President's Award

Tony Ichsan, director of facilities, received this year's [President's Award from APPA Leadership in Educational Facilities](#). With more than 30 years of higher education experience in Washington, Oregon and California, Ichsan continues to expand his knowledge by engaging with other educational facilities professionals and pays it forward by mentoring and supporting the development of future facilities leaders.

## Coronavirus in Walla Walla

In the past 14 days, Walla Walla County confirmed 68 total cases of COVID-19. Currently there are 57 residents isolating at home and one in the hospital.

There were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in the Whitman community over the past week.

## Happening Today

### TODAY

- 4 p.m. [Omitted: A look at the hard history that we weren't taught in school and why](#)  
*Whitman Teaches the Movement will host a panel of speakers who will discuss the impacts of gaps in our K-12 history curriculum regarding Black history in the U.S.*
- 4 p.m. [Common Read Project](#)  
*Students, staff, faculty and alumni are invited to the Common Read Project to discuss the moments of realization Ibram X. Kendi narrates from his life, as a way to consider the epiphanies we've had in our own lives.*
- 7 p.m. [Decolonizing Activism](#)  
*Decolonisation as theory and practice has become a central focus in discussions of anti-racist futures. Join us for a roundtable discussion of decolonization and its goals.*
- 7 p.m. [Whitman Votes Webinar](#)  
*Learn about the history of voting rights and gain practical resources and skills to help you become a voting rights activist.*

[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



Interfaith Chaplain Adam Kirtley reflects on illness, President Trump and the difference between healing and wholeness.

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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.

