Coronavirus News

Walla Walla County saw six new positive coronavirus tests since Friday. That brings the total to 57 confirmed cases in the county. Fifteen local residents have recovered from the virus.

Nationwide, about a dozen states have restrictions that are set to expire this week, and it’s unclear whether they’ll be extended. Federal coronavirus response coordinators say Americans should expect social distancing guidelines to continue for months.

Coronavirus FAQs

Health Reminder

Are you feeling anxiety related to COVID-19? One tip is to limit the time you spend on social media, news websites and reading and watching constant news reports. Turn to one or two trusted sources if you need updated information. Seek help as soon as possible. Take a break from the news and listen to a funny podcast or find a way to treat yourself. Find more tips for relieve stress during this time.

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