Coronavirus News

There were no new coronavirus cases in Walla Walla County in the past 24 hours. So far there have been 87 confirmed cases in the county, and 15 residents have recovered from the virus.

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Face Coverings Slow Spread of COVID-19

The state has no plans to lift its mask requirements. Gov. Jay Inslee announced on Monday that Washington state will expand its list of eligible places and activities that can partially open next week for day use, including state parks, public lands and boat ramps, as well as hunting and fishing. Inslee said that starting May 5, outdoor recreation areas will be partially open, as long as social distancing measures can be maintained. He said the May 5 reopening of outdoor recreation is the second step in many of reopening the states’ economy, but did not indicate what the next steps are or when they would come. He said many restrictions would have to stay in place beyond May 4, the original date the stay-at-home order was set to expire.

Have a virtual event you’d like to share with campus? Email whitmantoday@whitman.edu. The deadline for newsletter submissions is 4 p.m. the prior business day.

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Arrival of COVID-19 in Whitman County

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As of April 28, 2020, 11 residents in Walla Walla County have tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus. There have been no new hospitalizations.

Campus Resources

Victims Advocate Available for Whitman Community

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Online Learning Tips and Tools

Language Learning Center Still Open

The Language Learning Center continues to offer support to all of our language learners. You can participate in conversation groups virtually with our language assistants, and the English Language Fellows continue to offer online meetings. Find contact information on the LLC website.

Health Reminder

Health and Safety Distancing Tips

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Happening Today and Tomorrow

TODAY

4 p.m.

Online Learning Tips and Tools

Join Librarian Emily Pearson for a webinar over Zoom to learn about the different tools, tips, and tricks you can use while learning online.

5 p.m.

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Join International Student Advisor Greg Lecki for an online meeting to learn about available resources for international students.

7 p.m.

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