Weekly Update from the President

Coronavirus News

Since last week, Waits Walla County has confirmed four new coronavirus cases. That brings the total to 12 cases in the county. Two patients have recovered. There have been no coronavirus-related deaths.

After learning more about how coronavirus spreads, U.S. health officials changed their stance on if people should be wearing facial coverings. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention now recommends people wear cloth or fabric coverings on their faces when out in public. This is not a substitute for staying home or practicing social distancing.

More Coronavirus Updates from Whitman

Announcements

Archives Collecting COVID-19 Stories

In collaboration with students in Library 160: Documentation and Representation in Archives, the Whitman College and Northwest Archives is creating a digital archive of the Whitman community’s experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we move classes online, work, teach and learn from home, and practice social distancing, our normal experiences and routines have been displaced and disrupted. We hope to collect the stories, experiences, and evidence of our changed lives, both the painful and difficult and the unexpectedly beautiful and hopeful.

Learn how to participate.

Fountain on Hiatus

The Office of Communications will not be producing The Fountain newsletter while we are releasing Whitman Today. If you have an item you’d like to share with us, please use the news tip form. Submissions for Whitman Today can be sent to whitmantoday@whitman.edu. The deadline is 4 p.m. the prior business day.

Campus Resources

Online Tutoring Available:
The Academic Resource Center is offering individual or small group tutoring for courses in sciences, calculus, computer science, economics, statistics, and music theory, as well as peer-to-peer academic skills and time-management coaching. Beyond ARC, peer-to-peer tutoring is also available.

Coronavirus FAQs

Online Learning Tips and Tools

If you live off-campus and do not have internet at your home, many providers are offering free or discounted internet access in response to COVID-19. That includes Spectrum, Comcast and Cox. Many cellular providers are also increasing or waiving data caps. Learn more on the student resources website.

Health Reminder

It's important to move our bodies, even as we have to restrict our contact with others. Check out the YouTube playlist of exercise videos with some of our fitness instructors.

Health and Social Distancing Tips

Happening Tomorrow

2 p.m.
Spirituali-TEA with Adam Kirtley
Join Interfaith Chaplain Adam Kirtley for a virtual cup of tea and conversation via Zoom.

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

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