



Whitman Today

Monday, April 13, 2020

Weekly Update from the President



Coronavirus News

Walla Walla County had several new confirmed coronavirus cases over the weekend. That brings the number of confirmed cases in the county to 21. The Walla Walla County Department of Health reports that three patients have recovered from the virus.

Meanwhile, health officials are trying to figure out how and when lockdowns, stay home orders and other preventative measures will end. They say it would take testing and contact tracing on a massive scale at a time when test kits and public health agencies are swamped.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said that reopening the country would not be an “all or none” proposition and that restrictions must be lifted gradually to prevent a resurgence of cases.

[See Previous Coronavirus Updates from Whitman](#)

Announcements

Celebrate Whitman April 15-16
The Whitman community is special. We’ve always known that. But in the past few weeks, we’ve seen just how special it is as students, alumni, faculty and staff have come together to lift each other up in amazing ways despite extraordinary circumstances. We asked whether this was the right time to host a giving day, and we also heard the desire to support and connect with fellow Whitties is greater now than ever. The Office of Annual Giving is planning a celebration of our community Wednesday and Thursday, April 15-16, and we’re inviting all faculty, staff and students to join in. Use the hashtag #WeAreWhitman to share your stories, photos and memories. More information and a schedule of virtual events to come!

Campus Resources

The Counseling Center continues to provide our students with support, especially those who were already working with one of our counselors. Counselors are providing teletherapy for students in Washington state through a HIPPA-compliant interactive video/audio service. Learn more about scheduling an appointment or get help finding a therapist near you on the [Counseling Center website](#).

[Coronavirus FAQs](#)

Online Learning Tips and Tools

If you are a student who has active accommodations for this semester, testing accommodations and adjustments in format (audio-enabled texts, for example) will continue to be honored. You may also experience new challenges in a digital learning format. If you do, or if you are a student without accommodations who is seeking information and support, please contact Antonia Keithahn at keithaam@whitman.edu or 503-320-2950. [See the Access and Disability Support Remote Learning Plan.](#)

[Online Learning Resources for Students](#)

Health Reminder

Remember to take a moment to care for your mental health. This is a very stressful time, and people react to stress differently. There are many helpful apps that can give you tips, provide a place to track your moods or journal, or even provide guided meditation. [See a list of helpful apps on the Counseling Center website.](#)

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

Happening Today and Tomorrow

TODAY

4 p.m. [Virtual Cooking Class - Make Matzo Ball Soup](#)
Join Hillel Shalom and the Office of the Chaplain for a live cooking tutorial on Zoom.

TOMORROW

4 p.m. [Graduating in a Time of Crisis](#)
Join Thomas Witherspoon, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, and a panel of diverse college graduates for a conversation on navigating life after a crisis as a graduating senior. Open to all graduating seniors.

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

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