



Whitman Today

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Coronavirus News

There was one new coronavirus case reported in Walla Walla County in the last 24 hours bringing the total to eight confirmed cases. Two patients have recovered. There have been no coronavirus-related deaths reported in Walla Walla County.

In a press conference Wednesday afternoon, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee pointed out that social distancing measures are slowing the spread of coronavirus in Washington and says the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order is likely to be extended but has not made that official yet.

Inslee said that the federal government is unable to supply Washington with the necessary equipment fast enough and called on Washington manufacturers to help produce the personal protective equipment, like face shields, gowns and vials, that is desperately needed to treat coronavirus patients in our state.

Inslee also mobilized the Washington National Guard to Walla Walla and other parts of the state to help run food banks because of a shortage of volunteers, not as part of enforcement of his stay-at-home order.

[More Coronavirus Updates from Whitman](#)

Announcements

Student Employment for College and Non-College Related Work Financial Aid Services will be working with students to place those with the highest need into new or vacant positions. Priority will be for students with work study eligibility that need to continue to pay their bill or pay room and board off campus.

- If you need to hire a student to REFILL an existing open position or create a position for NEW student work, please contact Erin Town.
- Departmental funding for student work can be supplemented if your department has depleted its student payroll budget this year and you have a continued need for student work that fits into one of two parameters: 1) remote work that a student can do away from campus, or 2) essential work that can be done with proper social distancing training provided by the student's supervisor.

Student work that is not college-related can be advertised via the community and announcements listserves. Please note, if you hire a student for work that is not college-related, it is your responsibility to ensure that current social distancing guidelines are communicated and followed during their work.

Campus Resources

The Student Engagement Center is available for virtual help! The SEC is still here to remotely provide you with career advice, resume writing help, internships, fellowships and job hunts! [Reach out to us for assistance.](#)



[Coronavirus FAQs](#)

Online Learning Tips and Tools

For students who are living in the residence halls and experiencing interference with wifi when people use microwave ovens and printers, WCTS is aware of this problem, and unfortunately this type of interference may be impossible to eliminate. There is no universal "one solution for every student/room/dorm." Here's what we recommend you try if you are experiencing this problem:

1. Try to find a place, ideally in your room, where you do not experience this interference.
2. When you find this place, don't move around with your computer. Stay in that place.
3. Turn your wifi on your computer/device off, then on again.

[Online Learning Resources for Students](#)

Health Reminder

What Does Six Feet Look Like?

Good social distancing includes being six feet away from other people. What does six feet look like? Here are some local points of reference:

- A little less far than Styx is tall.
- The length of the Moon Gate sculpture near Lyman.
- Approximately three ducks, lined up beak to tail-feathers.

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

Happening Today and Tomorrow

TODAY

Noon [Conversation Group for Employees](#)
Join other employees who are working from home alone in a casual weekly drop-in conversation.

1 p.m. [Chaplain Chat with Adam Kirtley](#)
These short videos bring a message of peace and connection for the Whitman community. A new video is posted at 1 p.m. each Thursday.

TOMORROW

Noon [Millennium Fellowship Info Session](#)
Learn about the Millennium Fellowship in a virtual session. The program convenes, challenges and celebrates student leadership for UN goals.

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

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