



Whitman Today

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Coronavirus News

In the past 24 hours, Walla Walla County saw an increase in coronavirus cases with seven new positive tests. That brings the total to 44 confirmed cases in the county. Fifteen local residents have recovered from the virus. County Health Director Meghan DeBolt said while the state of Washington has seen a flattening of the curve, Walla Walla County has not.

“The critical point of information we want the greater Walla Walla Valley to understand is that we are NOT in the clear and we need to be diligent in staying home,” DeBol said.

In the meantime, officials investigating the early origins of the coronavirus discovered that a woman in California died of the coronavirus in early February, raising new questions about when and where the virus might have been spreading undetected and rewriting the timeline of the outbreak’s early spread in the U.S.

[Whitman's Coronavirus Website](#)

Announcements

Learn New Dance Moves and More on Virtual Campus

The student-led Whitman Virtual Campus is uploading new videos weekly of students sharing their skills and talents. Today, you can dance it out, make bread, or enjoy a tiny concert or exercise session. [See the latest videos and learn how to submit your own](#)

Campus Resources

If you are facing financial issues or food insecurity related to COVID-19, know that there are many resources available to help you. The Food Pantry is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Glover Alston Center. Additional financial resources may be available via the Student Emergency Fund. Contact [ASWC](#), the [Dean of Students Office](#) or [Financial Aid](#) for assistance. Students belonging to marginalized groups may also contact the [Office of Diversity and Inclusion](#).

[Coronavirus FAQs](#)

Health Reminder

Off-Campus and Not Feeling Well? The Health Center is Here for You

If you are living off-campus and are experiencing [coronavirus-like symptoms](#) or concerns, please reach out to the [Welty Student Health Center](#) to be connected with testing and other resources. If you have been tested, please let the health center know so that they can assist you and help keep your academics on track. The Health Center staff wants to support you however they can. Call 509-527-5281 for assistance.

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

Happening Today and Tomorrow

TODAY

Noon [Home Alone Conversation Group for Employees](#)
The Office of the Chaplain hosts this weekly drop-in virtual meeting geared to staff and faculty who are working from home, alone.

TOMORROW

4 p.m. [Careers in the Public Sector: Job Hunting and Networking During COVID-19](#)
Presented by Ellie Klein '10, Associate Program Officer with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, this session will introduce the world of policy, government and public sector careers, as well as to give tips on job searching and networking in a challenging economy.

[See More Upcoming Events](#)

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

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