



Whitman Today

Monday, August 23, 2021

Welcome Class of 2025!



Move-in Day is almost here! The Class of 2025 arrives on campus Wednesday, and all our returning students, faculty and staff will have many opportunities to get to know them over the next four years. As excited as these students were when they learned they were admitted to Whitman (watch the video above for a serious dose of joy and a quick intro to some of the incoming students) we can't wait to see everything they bring to our community!

Daily COVID Update

Baseline COVID-19 Testing

Baseline COVID-19 testing for the entire Whitman community begins today. Employees and any returning students already in town should come to Cordiner between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. for their Round 1 test. [Review the schedule and instructions for more details.](#)

EUA Exemptions Lifted Following Pfizer FDA Approval

The [FDA has granted full use approval](#) for the Pfizer/Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine for individuals aged 16 and older. Any employee or student who has been granted campus access through an EUA exemption must now begin the vaccination process, providing proof of getting their first vaccine dose by next Monday, August 30. Anyone with an EUA exemption will receive an email today with further instructions. You can find information on where to get the Pfizer vaccine in Walla Walla through the [state's online vaccine locator](#).

Campus Vaccination Update



We continue processing proof of COVID-19 vaccinations and have reached 95% of students and 92% of employees who have completed the full vaccination course, totaling 94% of our campus community.

Announcements

Parent and Caregiver Mental Health During the Back-To-School Transition

As parents and caregivers continue to navigate anxiety about the pandemic, the fall may bring stressors related to school starting, other types of transitions, and maintaining work/life balance. Join Whitman's EAP - Cascade Centers - for a webinar that will focus on emotion management skills to support mental health, as well as provide logistical strategies and community resources.
Date: September 1, 10 a.m. [Register here.](#)

Whitman Today Returns Daily

Beginning today, Whitman Today resumes daily Monday through Friday publishing to all students, faculty and staff.

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Upcoming Events

TODAY

- all day **International Student Orientation**
- 8 a.m.-3 p.m. [Baseline COVID Testing](#)
For employees and returning students. At Cordiner Hall.

TUESDAY

- all day **International Student Orientation**
- 8 a.m.-3 p.m. [Baseline COVID Testing](#)
For employees, returning students and people with vaccination exemptions. At Cordiner Hall.
- 1 p.m. [Staff and Faculty Development Program: Accessibility Issues in Course Materials](#)
Antonia Keithahn from the ARC and Emily Pearson and Kun Lin from Penrose Library will be introducing common accessibility issues in course materials, how you can fix them, and how the ARC and Library can assist in checking accessibility of materials, remediating resources, and finding new versions. The workshop will give you plenty of time to work on materials already in your canvas pages and on your syllabi so you can ensure your class is more accessible. On Zoom.

WEDNESDAY

- all day [Move-in Day and New Student Orientation](#)
- 8 a.m.-3 p.m. [Baseline COVID Testing](#)
For new students. At Cordiner Hall.
- 12 p.m. [Staff and Faculty Development Program: How to Promote a Healthy Classroom Culture](#)
Facilitated by John Johnson, VP for Diversity and Inclusion, and Helen Kim, this session will focus on ways that we can affirm differences among students, model respectful communication, and immediately address problematic behavior in the classroom. Participants will leave with resources and concrete action steps that can be implemented in their courses beginning on the first day. On Zoom.

THURSDAY

- all day [New Student Orientation](#)
- 8 a.m.-3 p.m. [Baseline COVID Testing](#)
For returning students. At Cordiner Hall.

FRIDAY

- 8 a.m.-3 p.m. [Baseline COVID Testing](#)
For returning students. At Cordiner Hall.

SATURDAY

- 4 p.m. [Whitman College Men's Soccer vs Alumni Game](#)
At the Whitman Athletic Fields.
- 7:30 p.m. [Whitman College Women's Soccer vs The College of Idaho \(Exhibition\)](#)
At the Whitman Athletic Fields.

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

Have an event you'd like to share with campus? Submit the information to the [Events Calendar](#).

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