



# Whitman Today

Thursday, January 14, 2021

## Whitman Freezer Holds Pfizer Vaccine

When the first Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines began arriving in Walla Walla to immunize health care workers in December, logistics had to be figured out.

One major need was an ultra-low temperature freezer to store the vaccines. Providence St. Mary Medical Center ordered such a freezer—one that keeps products at minus-80 degrees Celsius — but soon found out it could not be delivered until the end of January.

Two Whitman College biology professors took action to remedy the problem.

[Read more in the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin.](#)



## Announcements

### What Are You Doing Next Week?

Who says quarantine has to be boring? The Orientation Team has planned a lot of great activities to maximize fun and connection, while minimizing germs, big gatherings and all those COVID-risky things. Whether you're a new student coming to Whitman for the first time or a senior living off campus there are plenty of opportunities for you. The many online activities are also a great way for students not coming to campus this spring to connect with other Whitties! Find the schedule and more details on the [Spring Orientation 2021 webpage](#).

### Cleveland Commons and Jewett Cafe Operations

Cleveland Commons will be open starting on Friday, Jan. 15 for dinner from 5:30-6:30 p.m. [Normal hours of operation](#) will begin on Saturday, Jan. 16. Most stations are available with the exception of the comfort food station and pizza station which will only be available on Fridays. All items will be in grab & go packaging for easy pickup. Indoor seating with one person per table will open on Feb. 1.

Cleveland Espresso will be open and serving Stumptown espresso, smoothies, retail grab & go and more.

Jewett Cafe has extended its hours and will be open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. beginning Jan. 18 with a hot entree available for lunch and dinner.

During initial quarantine, dining services will be available only for Whitman students with priority given to students who live on campus. After we assess peak times, social distancing challenges and transmission rates during the first few weeks, we hope to offer grab & go services to faculty and staff as well. Cleveland Commons and Jewett Cafe will be closed to the Walla Walla community until further notice.

Keep an eye out for the new Bon Appetit App which will be launched in the coming days and should make grab & go even easier.

## Noteworthy

### Davari Article Published

Arash Davari, assistant professor of politics, published the article [Paradox as Decolonization: Ali Shariati's Islamic Lawgiver](#) in SAGE Journals. This article reevaluates the Iranian polymath Ali Shariati's most controversial lectures and his theory of the paradox of politics as decolonization.

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## Happening Today

### THURSDAY, JAN. 14

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. [COVID-19 Testing](#)  
*Baseline COVID-19 testing for off-campus students at Cordiner Hall*

10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
[WIDE Community Learning Days](#)  
The Whitman Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (WIDE) Committee is pleased to welcome all Whitman faculty and staff to the inaugural Community Learning Days today and tomorrow.

These two days of online workshops are focused on building cultural competencies through multiple discussion formats including an interdisciplinary panel and individual workshops on disability, invisible labor and LGBTQIA+ identities.



**Save the Date: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Tri-College Celebration Monday, Jan. 18**  
Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla University and Whitman College are coming together to celebrate the work and life of Martin Luther King Jr. These events are open to the college communities and the greater Walla Walla community.

- Letter from Birmingham Jail: 3 p.m.
- MLK Peace Program: 4 p.m.

## Whitman Events Calendar

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

## CAMPUS & COMMUNITY HEALTH

As baseline testing for the Whitman community continues through Sunday, we are proud to unveil our new online [COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

This page will display statistics about how COVID-19 impacts our community, including weekly and cumulative data.

There are also navigation links to pages with more information on the health and safety measures we are taking throughout campus.



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Submissions are welcome! If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, an event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, email [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu). Submissions should be 125 words or less. The deadline for submissions is noon for the following day's newsletter, though submissions may be held for a later date according to space and editorial needs.

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