



Whitman Today

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Weekly Update from the President



Coronavirus News

There were three new positive coronavirus tests in Walla Walla County in the last 24 hours. So far there have been 98 confirmed cases in the county and 54 residents have recovered from the virus.

Now that the rate of cases is slowing in some parts of the state, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee announced that Washington will be returning 400 ventilators "so states like New York and others can have them."

The coronavirus reached the offices of the White House, with two staff members testing positive. Three top health officials began to quarantine themselves over the weekend, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, who said he had contact with an infected staff member.

Given the vast resources at the White House's disposal, including access to rapid-testing kits, experts say the news suggests that other workplaces may struggle to prevent transmission if the economy begins to reopen soon.

[Whitman's Coronavirus Website](#)

Campus Resources

The [Help Desk](#) is here for you! Call 509-527-4976 or email helpdesk@whitman.edu to get technology support from a distance. For specific assistance with online teaching and learning, email canvas_help@whitman.edu.

Health Reminder

It's natural to feel stress and anxiety, even grief, during this time. You can take care of your mental health by making sure to take care of your body (exercise, drink enough water, get enough sleep), take breaks when you need to, stay connected with friends and family however you can, and avoid too much exposure to news. For help with stress or other concerns, contact the [Counseling Center](#).

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

Happening Tomorrow

3 p.m.

[Direct Loan Exit Counseling Presentation](#)

The Office of Financial Aid will host a virtual Loan Exit Counseling presentation for our graduating seniors who have borrowed Direct Loans while at Whitman.

[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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