

News Release

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Whitman County has received 7 new positive COVID-19 test results over the weekend and today, bringing the County total, to date, to 2564. 5 cases are currently hospitalized. All other cases are stable and self-isolating. Total deaths, to date, remain at 22.

New Cases		
Age Range	Female	Male
0-19	1	0
20-39	0	2
40-59	1	0
60-79	1	1
80+	0	1

Whitman County Public Health would like to encourage all of our local providers to enroll in COVID-19 Vaccination Program. <https://redcap.doh.wa.gov/surveys/?s=qlevATZ6gQ>

Indoor social gatherings in the State of Washington are restricted from November 17, 2020 to January 4, 2021 unless:

- All participants quarantine for fourteen (14) days prior to the social gathering.
- All participants quarantine for seven (7) days prior to the gathering, and receive a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 48-hours prior to the gathering.

Gathering with people you don't live with – even close friends and family – may spread COVID-19. The safest action for everyone is to avoid gatherings, even outdoors, and find different ways to celebrate this season. For recommendations on how to make any gathering safer visit <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/safer-gatherings>.

Current COVID-19 activity highlights the need for individuals to maintain social distancing and personal vigilance. Masks are an easy and effective way to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

For more information visit www.whitmancountypublichealth.org/covid-19 .

Future Whitman County press releases will be as needed.

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