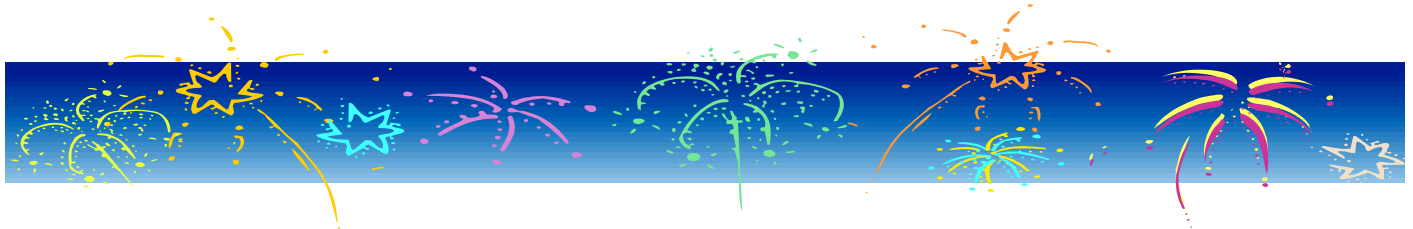




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COVID-19

The Washington State Secretary of Health has approved Whitman County’s Phase 3 application request effective June 6, 2020. Individual businesses must operate under Governor’s Phase 3 guidelines which can be found at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start>. People in high risk populations are strongly encouraged to limit their participation in social activities. Whitman County’s total of positive COVID-19 cases are 31. 20 have recovered and 11 are isolating at home. Phase 3 includes all activities in Phases 1 & 2 in addition to the following:

- Outdoor group recreational sports activities of 50 or fewer people
- Recreational facilities at 50% or less capacity including gyms, public pools, etc.
- Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people
- Indoor spiritual or religious service up to 50% of capacity or 400 individuals – whichever is less. No choirs allowed.
- Resume non-essential travel
- Restaurants/taverns/bars less than 75% capacity – table size no larger than 10
- Bar areas in restaurants at less than 25%
- Movie theaters at 50% or less capacity
- Government Services - open
- Libraries - open
- Museums – open
- All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people

LIBRARY NEWS

Shelly Ausmus is Oakesdale’s new librarian and is very excited for the opportunity to meet you! Whitman County Libraries are waiting for guidelines from the Health Department before opening their doors again. Please watch the Oakesdale Library’s Facebook page and library website www.whitco.lib.wa.us for updates and for Summer reading information. Reading Logs will be available outside of the library during scheduled open hours. Also look on FB for information about July’s Scavenger Hunt and other special events!

Fireworks

Fireworks can be discharged **only** on July 3rd, 4th & 5th between **8 am and midnight**. It is unlawful to use, set off or explode fireworks within 150 ft of any gasoline service stations or gasoline storage facilities or within the City Park. **PLEASE** be courteous of your neighbors and ***clean up all remnants of discharged fireworks!*** **NO LITTERING!!!**

No Burning!

There is a town wide burning ban for the months of July, August and September. You **can not** burn your yard waste for the next three months. However, recreational fires for cooking are permitted in a diameter of 4 ft. X 2 ft. burn-pit. Barbeques and outdoor grills are okay. A burn permit can be obtained for a ceremonial, religious or celebratory occasion at City Hall. Minimum fines of \$75 to maximum fines of \$500 per violation will be assessed to those individuals violating Town Codes. Your yard waste can be disposed of at the Town’s outdoor recycling center located behind the school’s storage building, just off of Bartlett Street, for **free**.

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