



Special Live Local Forum to Address Coronavirus Pandemic on PBS Fort Wayne, March 27

March 25, 2020 –As concern about the coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic continues to rise, PBS Fort Wayne presents a second live community forum with timely and relevant information on the virus.

CORONAVIRUS: A LIVE COMMUNITY FORUM

(March 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.; Encores March 28, 6:30 pm, March 29, 8 pm on PBS Explore)

The conversation and call-ins continue with Allen County Health Commissioner Dr. Deb McMahan, local medical and community leaders in this live one-hour call in program. The show features a phone bank comprised of health care professionals to assist with viewer questions.

Scheduled guests include:

- Deb McMahan, MD (Allen County Health Commissioner)
- Vishal Bhatia, MD, MBA (Chief Medical Officer, Lutheran Health Network)
- Patti Hays (CEO of AWS Foundation and Allen County Health Department Board Member)
- Meg Distler (Executive Director, St. Joseph Community Health Foundation)
- John Urbahns (President/CEO, Greater Fort Wayne)
- Chris Himsel (Superintendent, Northwest Allen County Schools)
- Dr. Jay Fawver (psychiatrist, host of *Matters of the Mind* on PBS Fort Wayne).

PBS Fort Wayne's March 20 coronavirus forum is available online: pbsfortwayne.org/coronavirus-info4you/. The web page includes links to PBS NewsHour's special report on the coronavirus as well as educational resources for families and educators.

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