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NEW RIVER VALLEY PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE HOSTS INTERACTIVE, ONLINE TOWN HALL ON COVID-19 AND HIGHER EDUCATION

(CHRISTIANSBURG, Virginia) – The New River Valley Public Health Task Force will host an interactive, virtual town hall on COVID-19 and impacts on higher education (colleges and universities) on Wednesday, June 10 from 6 to 7 p.m. All area residents are invited to participate.

This is the final installment in a six-week series of town halls. Each had a specific focus and featured a panel of local experts, who offered remarks and answered questions. This week's panel includes representatives from New River Community College, Radford University and Virginia Tech.

Submit your questions anytime, as follows:

- In writing at <http://montva.com/NRVtownhall>;
- Record your question by voicemail at 540-391-0385; and
- On Twitter with the hashtag #NRVStrongerTogether.

Written questions can be submitted during each town hall (at <http://montva.com/NRVtownhall>), and will be addressed as time allows.

The town halls stream live at www.youtube.com/montgomeryva, and are archived on YouTube, agency websites and social media, and rebroadcast on local cable access stations including Comcast and Shentel Channel 190 (Christiansburg and Montgomery County) and Comcast Channel 2 (Blacksburg).

Prior town halls focused on health, local government, law enforcement, small and local businesses and education (K-12).

The New River Valley Public Health Task Force is composed of local health, public safety, education and government agencies that work to proactively provide local residents and communities with information about COVID-19, to coordinate efforts to reduce its local impact and to facilitate community recovery.

For more information, visit www.montva.com/coronavirus and www.vdh.virginia.gov, or call the New River Health District public health call center at 540-267-8240. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. After hours, leave a message.

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