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### **Public Invited to COVID-19 Virtual Forum**

BISMARCK — The public is invited to a free virtual forum, “Community Voices: COVID-19,” on Friday, Nov. 13 from noon to 1 p.m. CST. This forum will convene local public health and medical experts to provide information and answer questions in light of North Dakota’s surging coronavirus case count. The meeting will be convened via Zoom, and audience members are encouraged to register in advance at [bit.ly/CommunityVoicesWebinar](https://bit.ly/CommunityVoicesWebinar).

The moderated panel will include Dr. Kathy Anderson, a Bismarck-based pediatrician and president of the ND Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Dr. Paul Carson, professor at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences and director of NDSU’s Center for Immunization Research and Education; and Theresa Will, administrator of the City-County Health District in Valley City. Audience members will be invited to submit questions to the panelists. A video recording of the forum will be posted online for free viewing following the event.

“As our state’s COVID-19 positivity rate continues to climb, we wanted to convene a free public forum where citizens can hear directly from public health experts and ask questions,” said Ann Crews Melton, Consensus Council executive director. “It is important for the public to have quality information, and to work together to curb this pandemic as winter approaches.”

This public meeting is convened by the Consensus Council with support from the Impact Foundation. Consensus Council, a nonpartisan, Bismarck-based nonprofit, seeks to facilitate conversations and build agreements that empower people, transform communities, and advance the public good. Learn more about Consensus Council at [agree.org](https://agree.org).

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