WTVP REMOTE

Remote Learning Channel:
In conjunction with local and regional educational entities, WTVP has announced plans for a new broadcast channel dedicated solely to remote learning. Announced on Wednesday, May 20, WTVP REMOTE is projected to be on the air later in the summer in time for the 2020-2021 school year. The new 24/7 channel fills a critical need for remote learning resources during the coronavirus pandemic and in future situations where classroom alternatives are required. WTVP REMOTE will be especially important to low-income urban families and rural residents in the region who do not have reliable access to high-speed internet, cable TV service or a computer. Under the plan, WTVP REMOTE will be funded by educational entities, major donations and grants designated specifically for the operation of the channel. Some content will be from the PBS digital learning library, but other programming will be locally produced to meet the specific needs of area students. 

https://www.wtvp.org/blogs/stationannouncements/remote-learning-on-broadcast-television/

LIVE Community Television Simulcast

Friday, March 27 — WTVP hosted seven regional television stations in a simulcast called Central Illinois United: A COVID-19 Town Hall. WTVP’s H Wayne Wilson was the moderator as news anchors from other stations questioned health care, government, education, and counseling professionals about the situation and outlook in Central Illinois. Originating from WTVP’s studio, the 60-minute program was simulcast on WEEK (NBC), HOI ABC, WMBD (CBS), WYZZ (FOX), The CW and WAOE (MyNetwork). It can be streamed at: https://www.wtvp.org/local-programs/wtvp-peoria-citycounty-health-department/

Town Hall Broadcast

Sunday, March 15 — WTVP President and CEO Lesley Matuszak moderated a 90-minute live broadcast from the WTVP studio — the first in our region to provide insights and answers about the developing crisis. Guests included local health care, public health and education experts, and state and local political leaders. The program was scheduled during Sunday evening programming as the station’s spring pledge drive was concluding. The entire town hall can be streamed at: https://www.wtvp.org/local-programs/wtvp-peoria-citycounty-health-department/
WTVP's weekly public affairs program, *At Issue*, was expanded from a half-hour pre-recorded format to a 60-minute live format for more than two months. Live coverage will continue in every phase of the pandemic, including a COVID-19 update special on June 11. The program has featured a U.S Representative, Illinois State Treasurer, Senators, Mayors, public school superintendents, local officials and healthcare experts, just to name a few. Viewers submitted questions via email and social media. The program can be streamed at: [https://www.wtvp.org/local-programs/at-issue/](https://www.wtvp.org/local-programs/at-issue/)

### Video Encouragement, Tips and Advice

Beginning with public service announcements from the Peoria City/County Health Department that were recorded and posted on the station's website on March 3, WTVP has produced 80+ Coronavirus Update spots featuring business owners, health officials, law enforcement, educators, and others offering encouragement, advice and official information to the public. Spots rotated into the on-air schedule before or after prime time programs. In May, the Coronavirus Update spots shifted to Staying Healthy messages featuring a more upbeat and optimistic outlook as summer begins and economic activity begins to move forward. Videos can be streamed online at: [https://www.wtvp.org/local-programs/wtvp-peoria-citycounty-health-department/](https://www.wtvp.org/local-programs/wtvp-peoria-citycounty-health-department/) and [https://www.wtvp.org/local-programs/wtvp-staying-healthy/](https://www.wtvp.org/local-programs/wtvp-staying-healthy/)

### Children’s COVID-19 Information

WTVP added excellent content from WUCF in Central Florida to our website to help parents address the questions and needs of children. Meet the Helpers is a multiplatform initiative designed to teach children about important community helpers so they are better prepared in emergency situations. [https://www.wtvp.org/coronavirus-meet-thehelpers/](https://www.wtvp.org/coronavirus-meet-thehelpers/)