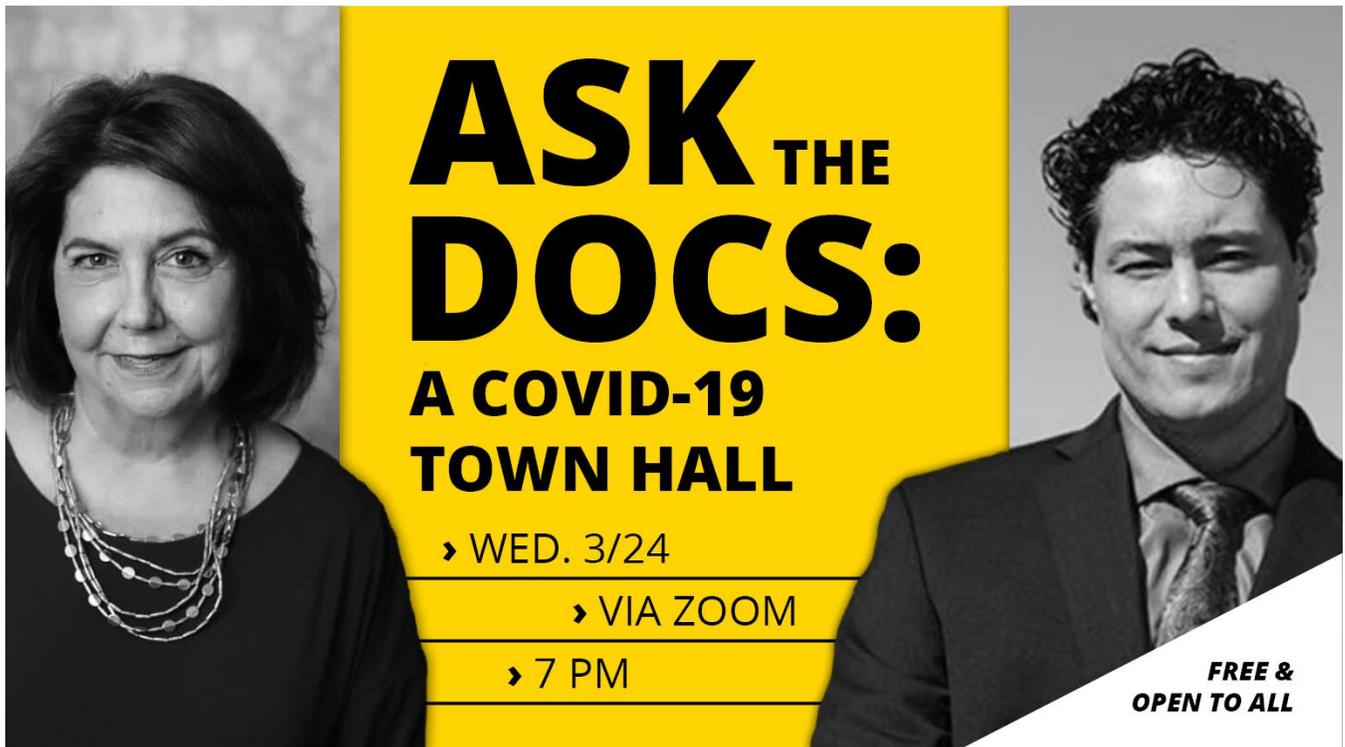


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DOCS:**
**A COVID-19
TOWN HALL**

- › WED. 3/24
- › VIA ZOOM
- › 7 PM

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Dr. Robin Schoenthaler and Dr. Philip Chan will join WFPL and PPL's free, virtual event on March 24.

Library to Host Free COVID-19 Forum With Top Doctors

[WATERTOWN] With so much conflicting talk of vaccines and variants, navigating the COVID-19 pandemic can feel just as confusing today as it did one year ago.

In an effort to provide reliable information to their communities, the Watertown Free Public Library and the Providence Public Library are teaming up to offer a “COVID-19 Town Hall” on Wednesday, March 24. During this free, virtual forum, Dr. Robin Schoenthaler of Massachusetts General Hospital and Dr. Philip A. Chan of Brown University will answer *your* submitted questions about the virus, vaccines, and public health. Spanish translation will be available.

“We know that people are struggling to keep up with the latest health guidance,

especially with so much misinformation on the internet and vaccination plans that seem to change daily,” says WFPL Reference Librarian Steph Frueh. “Sometimes, you just need a trusted professional to help you break down the falsehoods and translate the scientific jargon.”

Dr. Robin Schoenthaler is a board-certified radiation oncologist for Massachusetts General Hospital. Still, she has come to be known by the moniker “the-Boston-cancer-doctor-who-writes-about-COVID”. Since March 2020 she has become a “COVID-translator,” with a weekly column on COVID reaching a national lay audience.

Dr. Philip Chan is an Associate Professor for Warren Alpert Medical School and School of Public Health at Brown. He is also an Attending Physician at The Miriam Hospital Immunology Center and Consultant Medical Director for the Rhode Island Department of Health Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease and EMS.

Questions for Dr. Schoenthaler and Dr. Chan should be submitted in advance through the Library’s website. If you need information now, or can’t make the event, WFPL librarians can help you find answers from trusted sources or medical professionals.

“Ask the Docs: a COVID-19 Town Hall” begins at 7 PM on Wednesday, March 24. Submit your questions and register here: watertownlib.org/askthedocs

About WFPL

The Watertown Free Public Library provides access to a wide variety of popular materials, resources, services, and programs that fulfill the informational, cultural, and recreational needs of Watertown and surrounding communities. Our Library works to create an environment that attracts and welcomes users of all ages and abilities. For more information, visit watertownlib.org.

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