



KANAWHA-CHARLESTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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A Physician, A Veterinarian And An Epidemiologist To Talk About Threat Of Ticks And Disease With Media

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA – Representatives of the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department will talk with members of the media at Coonskin Park on Wednesday, May 17, at 1 p.m., to share information about the threat of tick season, and to answer questions about ticks including, "Can ticks be a year-round problem?"

KCHD's health officer and regional epidemiologist will be joined by a local veterinarian and her dogs to talk about the threat that ticks present to human and pet health. There also will be a collection of ticks for photographs and video purposes.

WHAT: News conference on the threat of ticks and tick-borne illness

WHO: **Dr. Steven Eshenaur, D.O., M.B.A., Health Officer**
Kanawha-Charleston Health Department

Dr. Megan Graham, D.V.M., Associate Veterinarian
Valley West and Elk Valley Animal Hospitals (Charleston and Elkview)

Daniel Barker-Gumm, Regional Epidemiologist for Central West Virginia
Kanawha-Charleston Health Department
(Daniel will have ticks to show reporters.)

WHEN: Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Coonskin Park, Trailhead of Turtle Trail near the parking lot.

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