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ISSUES OF CONCERN

WTOP is Washington's top news, traffic and weather station. Listeners in the Washington, D.C. community and surrounding area rely on WTOP for timely and accurate news and information that affects their daily lives. WTOP has identified the following significant issues facing our community this quarter:

1. **Government** – The balance of political power in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of governments
2. **Local Politics and Elections** – Covers local issues including state, county, and city governments, law enforcement efforts, ballot measures, and social issues affecting local communities.
3. **National Security** - Reports on international security, intelligence, foreign policy, terrorism and cyber developments.
4. **Roads and Transportation** – The latest information on Metro, road closures, construction, and transportation projects that affect commuters, including plans for more tolls around the region and the Bay Bridge rehabilitation project.
5. **Crime and Public Safety** – Incidents of crimes and how local law enforcement and community officials are responding to issues, including hate crimes and gun violence.
6. **Business and Consumer News** – Covers stories related to the local economy, jobs, consumer information, and real estate.
7. **Weather** – Severe weather alerts keep listeners informed about current conditions and help them stay safe.
8. **COVID-19** – Issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE – RESPONSIVE PROGRAM

WTOP is the go-to new source for the Washington, D.C. region, providing listeners with 24-hour news and information, and traffic and weather every 10 minutes on the 8's. As part of our continuing effort to serve our listeners, WTOP has talked to elected officials and community leaders about the issues facing our area. Programming dealing with each issue listed is outlined below:

Government

🔊 **Montgomery County offers grants to local business owners**

April 16 • 512a, 612a, 712a, 812a, 909a , 1022a, 1122a, 1211a, 212p •
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Maryland's Montgomery County is offering local citizens grants to help their small business. This grant is a reaction to the struggles local small businesses in the area. For businesses that have lost customers and employees due to the CV, these grants can be important. Ken Duffy reports that Montgomery County is offering grants in the amount \$75,000 and an additional grant to help with telecommuting costs as well. The county is also offering web site tutorial's to help make the application process easier for local business owners.

🔊 **Federal relief funds may not provide the assistance the region needs**

April 27 • 1204p, 104p, 205p, 305p, 404p, 505p, 604p, 704p, 804p, 905p, 1005p, 1104p
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Maryland and Virginia are among many states struggling to keep up with climbing costs related to COVID-19, and there's concern these states can not spend emergency funds to address an urgent need. Because of the restrictions placed on the funds, it may limited the rehiring of local workers and prevent business from opening effectively. WTOP's Mitchell Miller is on Capitol Hill.

🔊 **President Trump is threatening to try to force Congress to adjourn so he could fill his administration's vacancies**

4/15- 851p, 1035p, 1135p
4/16- 532a, 632a, 732a, 832a, 935a,
60 seconds

President Trump is threatening to try to force Congress to adjourn so he could fill his administration's vacancies using recess appointments, without Senate approval. It's the second time this week he's claimed unprecedented executive authority amid the coronavirus pandemic. The president cited a never-used constitutional power to shut down Congress if the House and Senate are in disagreement over adjourning. In article 2, the President may adjourn them if needed. The Washington Post reports Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell spoke to the president, but signaled that he was NOT on board with the president's plan.

🔊 **Fairfax County governmental leaders announce reopening plans**

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5/27- 504a, 604a, 704a, 804a, 904a, 1004a, 1104a, 1204p, 104p, 204p, 304p, 404p, 504p, 604p, 704p, 804p, 904p, 1004p, 1104p

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Fairfax County governmental leaders are expected to announce this afternoon plans for reopening. The Governor of Virginia, Ralph Northam, says it's time for the state to move forward. The re-opening allows local business and services, especially in important Northern Virginia Counties like Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, to have a limited re-opening. It is also important that these business follow the governments' guidelines and rules, putting consumer safety at the forefront of any potential opening. WTOP reporter Dick Uliano reports on the efforts to re-open the state safely.

🔊 **Montgomery County Government leaders finalize plans for re-opening the state**

5/28: 506a, 706a, 806a, 906a, 1006a, 1106a, 1205p, 105p, 404p, 504p, 604p, 705p, 805p, 904p, 1005p, 1105p

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Montgomery County Maryland leaders are expected to announce this afternoon plans for reopening. The Governor of Maryland, Larry Hogan, says it's time for the county to move forward. The re-opening allows local business and services to have a limited re-opening. It is also important that these business follow the governments' guidelines and rules, putting consumer safety at the forefront of any potential opening. WTOP reporter Dick Uliano spoke to County Executive Mark Elrich about improving data on Covid 19 cases.

🔊 **Removing confederate flag and monuments have legal barriers in Virginia**

6/11: 511a, 611a, 711a, 811a, 911a, 1007a, 1111a, 140p, 350p

60 seconds

The George Floyd protests brought more awareness to symbols of racial tensions and division. Virginia's Attorney General says he'll defend the Governor's effort to remove Richmond's statue of Robert E. Lee. Mark Herring says a temporary injunction against the removal was issued without his office being informed of the hearing. A recent lawsuit contends that the state promised to protect the statue when it annexed the land from Henrico County in the late 19th Century. But Herring says Governor Ralph Northam has both the authority and the moral obligation to remove what he calls a badge of white supremacy. WTOP reporter Neil Augustine reports on the lawsuit.

🔊 **Montgomery County government considers policy changes for police force 6/14**

6/14- 611p, 711p, 811p, 911p, 1020p, 1111p

6/15- 505a, 605a, 705a, 806a, 905a, 1005a, 1107a,

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Like other communities nationwide, Montgomery County will consider a bill calling for changes in police procedures after the death of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis police. The bill will be introduced tomorrow, and all nine County Council members are either lead or co-sponsors. Under the bill, the Police Chief will be required to issue a new policy on the use of force, WITH certain requirements, like limiting use of deadly force and neck restraints...prohibiting officers from hitting a suspect who has already been restrained...and requiring officers to intervene if they see another officer breaking the use-of-force policy or committing a crime.

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Local Politics and Elections

🔊 **Montgomery County offers grants to local business owners**

4/16: 512a, 612a, 712a, 812a, 909a, 1022a, 1122a, 1211a, 212p
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🔊 **VA lawmakers meet to discuss budget and CV reponse**

April 22 • 506a, 606a, 712a, 1006a, 1104a, 1204p, 104p, 204p, , 304p, 411p, 533p, 611p, 742p, 806p, 942p, 1042p, 1142p
• :60 seconds

Virginia lawmakers held a one-day legislative session today that is historic in nature. The lawmakers grappled with how to deal with fallout from the coronavirus. Typically, the so-called "veto session" takes up the governor's vetoes and proposed amendments. But now logistics are a major issue for our area and the constituents in the districts. House Delegates met under a canopy outside the Capitol while the state Senate met in a giant event space at the Virginia Science Museum. Lawmakers will practice social distancing and be far apart when discussing their votes and the agenda at hand. Also, Governor Northam has suspended all new spending in the two-year financial plan lawmakers considered. This includes teacher's raises, frozen tuition and new money for dental coverage for adults on Medicaid.

🔊 **Unemployment assistance across the area is a serious concern**

5/08: 1204p , 104p, 204p, 304p, 405p, 505p, 605p, 706p, 806p, 906p, 1006p, 1106p
60 seconds

Hundreds of thousands of people are out of work in Maryland, Virginia and the District. There is now increased awareness that local government must be part of the solution and draft bills to help local citizens make ends meet during this time. Local lawmakers representing each state and the district are coming up with strategies to help and recognize that more must be done to help the unemployed. WTOP's Mitchell Miller is on Capitol Hill speaking to VA congressman Don Byer about ways to keep unemployment benefits going for months, not weeks.

🔊 **Fairfax County government approved a measure to create local business grants**

5/13: 506a, 606a, 706a, 806a, 906a, 1034a, 1134a, 1251p, 131p
60 seconds

Some local governments, including Fairfax County, VA have started approving grants for local small businesses. Unlike loans, county officials have determined that grants do not have to be paid back. They have approved bills that create grant programs to help businesses during the pandemic. These grants are being granted in the amount of \$25 Million dollars. WTOP reporters spoke with board member Jeff McKay about the new program and the bills that were created to support the initiative.

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- 🔊 **Maryland primary coverage will have mail in voting for the first time**
6/2: 511a, 611a, 711a, 811a, 911a, 1011a, 1111a, 1211p, 104p, 204p, 304p, 404p, 510p, 610p, 810p, 911p, 1021p
60 seconds
June 2 is primary day in Maryland -- and because of the coronavirus, it's the first one statewide to be held mostly by mail. If local residents have waited until today to vote, WTOP's Michelle Basch reports on how local citizens can make their vote count. WTOP's Mitch Miller reports on the measures on the ballot and as well as the results through the evening as polls close.
- 🔊 **Prince George's County Board of Education will consider ending armed school resource officers in buildings.**
6/9: 504a, 604a, 704a, 804a, 904a, 1004a, 1104a, 1205p, 141p
60 seconds
As a reaction to the George Loyd protests, the Prince George's County Board of Education will consider a resolution Thursday to end its agreement with law enforcement to place armed school resource officers in buildings. The board says the presence of officers in schools is counterproductive to the goal of keeping students out of prison. It's among actions several jurisdictions are taking to review policies around policing schools and townships. WTOP reporter Michelle Murillo reports on the effort.

National Security

- 🔊 **Police departments are developing protocols to protect officers**
4/3: 506a, 606a, 706a, 806a, 906a, 1006a, 1106a
60 seconds
It is a problem for all police departments across the country that must balance safety of their police force with that of protecting the public. There is greater understanding that covid 19 spreads, first responders are also getting sick. So local departments are planning ahead to make sure they can avoid any changes to emergency response. Often, police departments can keep sick people at home and still provide important protection for their community. WTOP's Megan Cloherty reports that for Maryland, Virginia and DC police departments, because they have a larger force and can accommodate sick officers more easily.
- 🔊 **Due to second amendment concerns, a Virginia gun range must be allowed to open to customers**
April 28 • 511a, 611a, 721a, 821a, 935a, 1043a, 1143a, 1251ap, 143p, 253p, 354p •
:60 seconds
A judge has ruled that a Virginia gun range must be allowed to open to customers, despite a statewide executive order requiring nonessential businesses to close because of the coronavirus. The order, issued by a Lynchburg judge, says federal and state protections on the right to bear arms outweigh any emergency authority held by Governor Ralph Northam to order the gun range closed. The ruling narrowly applies to this specific business in this one jurisdiction. If the ruling isn't overturned by the Virginia Supreme Court, it could lead to other challenges to the Governor's emergency order.
- 🔊 **Federal Workers asking for Hazard pay amid Corona Virus**
May 6 • 1206p, 106p, 206p, 306p, 406p, 506p, 606p, 706p, 811p, 911p, 1033p, 1133p •
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As coronavirus continued to sweep through the area, there has been increased awareness of citizens in our community that work in the federal government are on the front lines of providing services to the country that they might now be in danger. Therefore, there's a new congressional push to provide federal workers with hazard pay during the pandemic. Federal employers wrote to the President with a goal of 25 percent pay increase. WTOP's Mitchell Miller reported on the progress, and the details, from Capitol Hill.

🔊 **The safety of the jailed criminal population is receiving more awareness during Covid 19**

5/18: 1204p, 106p, 206p, 306p, 451p, 535p, 651p, 751p, 844p, 951p, 1044p, 1144p
60 seconds

As coronavirus spreads throughout the country and the world, there is greater awareness of the impact it can have on the nation's prison population. Recently, a federal judge ruled that DC's Department of Corrections had to do a better job cleaning and improving conditions in its jail facilities, to limit the spread of COVID-19. Now the ACLU says even more residents have been sickened and that the protections were not enough and should not be replicated in other prison systems. WTOP reporter Neil Augenstein looked at the situation where everyone is working together to keep the inmates safe as well as the guards and workers in the prisons.

🔊 **Black Lives Matter advocates for defunding police across the US as part of their calls for change.**

6/8: 504a, 604a, 705a, 804a, 904a, 1004a, 1105a, 1205p, 105p, 204p, 304p, 404p, 504p, 604p, 704p, 804p, 904p, 1004p, 1104p
60 seconds

Following the massive protests in downtown Washington, leaders from the Black Lives Matter DC movement added the words "defund the police" to the painting the city commissioned on 16th Street back on Friday that said Black Lives Matter. This call for reform has spread across the country as BLM notes how funding has been taken from community initiatives to fund police forces across the country. The group is out with a statement critical of DC's mayor. WTOP reporter John Domen covers the story from DC.

🔊 **Former Coast Guard lieutenant charged with terrorism wants sentence thrown out.**

6/9: 623a, 823a, 936a, 1037a, 1144a, 1253p
60 seconds

A former Coast Guard lieutenant from Maryland was accused of plotting politically motivated killings is asking a federal appeals court to let him withdraw his guilty plea or throw out his sentence of more than 13 years in prison. His lawyer says Christopher Hasson's sentence was roughly four times longer than sentencing guidelines because the judge in the case applied a "terrorism enhancement" to the sentence. But prosecutors didn't charge Hasson with any terrorism-related offenses. Hasson was arrested and charged with planning attacks on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi among others. When investigators searched Hasson's basement apartment in Silver Spring, Maryland, they found 15 guns, including seven rifles, and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

Roads and Transportation

🔊 **Uber has announced it will provide 20,000 free rides to front line workers**

April 20 • 1221p, 106p, 222p, 311p, 442p, 511p, 656p, 723p, 854p, 1054p •
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With DMV healthcare workers working harder than ever, there is greater concern for their health outside of the healthcare environment. Uber has announced it will provide 20,000 free rides for front line healthcare workers in the District. Public transportation options have shrunk during the virus. So, Uber is partnering with the District to provide free rides up to \$25 to healthcare workers at the 13 hospitals including Children's National, Medstar Georgetown, and George Washington University Hospital. The ride sharing company will also be donating 1,000 free rides to the D-C Coalition Against Domestic Violence in an effort to help victims access resources, reach out for help, or plan an exit.

🔊 Amtrak continues to provide services during coronavirus despite large budget gap

April 23 • 5:42 am •

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With many people following advice to stay home, there is greater awareness about one of the main methods of transportation for local residents. Amtrak has seen a 95-percent decrease in ridership, and some big cuts in service due to low ridership across the country and particularly on the Northeast Corridor line that connects DC to New York. Mike Murrillo reports that Amtrak is working to decide what a return to full service will look like when they can resume services to local communities.

🔊 Empty Roads encourage dangers drivers in the DMV

May 19 • 511a, 611, 704a, 804a •

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There is greater awareness of drivers taking the opportunity to speed and drive faster with roads that are less congested than normal. This is a result of less drivers going into work due to the Covid 19 Virus. Maryland State police have seen a record number of traffic stops as drivers break the law on the open roads. Greg Shipley from the Maryland State Police spoke with reporter Megan Cloherty about the concerns over safety for drivers and the general public. He encouraged people to obey speed restrictions despite the empty roads.

🔊 The Dulles Greenway reopens to allow for free travel for Frontline workers

May 19 • 512a, 613a, 814a, 914a, 1013a, 1126a, 1244a •

:40 seconds

The Dulles Greenway which connects the airport to Leesburg, Virginia is allowing first responders and healthcare professions free drivers on the road, through a toll reimbursement program. James Lerner, US Operations Director for Atlas Alteria which owns the roadway says that eligible people will have tolls on the road between April 1st and June 30th reimbursed on their EZPASS account. This is in addition to the company's temporary waving of unpaid toll administrative fees.

🔊 Coronavirus has impacted local bike shops who are selling more bikes than usual.

6/11: 505a, 605a, 720a, 820a, 912a, 1012a, 1112a, 1220p, 113p

60 seconds

Local businesses in Virginia, Maryland, and DC have been hit hard by closings brought on by the virus. But, local bike shops are doing very well as people take up biking to get out of the house safely. Increased sales started in mid-March and many are calling it a true bike boom. Buyers are now considering bike commuting to their work when the virus subsides. WTOP reporter Kate Ryan has details on local owner Laurie Lemieux in Prospect Park's experience selling bikes during this time.

🔊 DC region's Metro Train Service begins the process of adding more service

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6/11: 1250p, 105p, 205p, 305p, 406p, 505p, 621p, 707p, 811p, 921p, 1011p, 1111p
60 seconds

The system is planning for moving from 30 percent of normal peak service to 70-80 percent service in the next few months, as coronavirus cases have begun to edge lower. This means their employees can be safer and that Metro can begin to offer rides that are safer for commuters in the DC region. Metro rail is an essential service for thousands of the region's citizens. WTOP reporter Mike Murillo reports on the committee's progress in adding service for local commuters over the next few months.

Crime and Public Safety

🔊 Protecting Juvenile Delinquents behind bars is an important focus

April 14 • 511a, 611a, 712a, 812a, 912a, 1007a

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Maryland's highest court took action to protect juveniles already behind bars. The Maryland State Court of Appeals Chief Judge says lower court justices need to make the right call on whether putting a juvenile behind bars would lead to serious health risks to those kids, other inmates, staff, and the community at large in spreading the virus. If a juvenile tests positive or shows symptoms, the Chief Judge says that should be taken into consideration. She also says judges need to look into whether the Department of Juvenile Services has come up with a viable alternative option to detain or confine juveniles outside of the usual system.

🔊 Masks are now required to shop in area stores to protect against coronavirus

April 10 • 506a, 606a, 706a, 806a, 906a, 1006a, 1106a, 1206p •

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Coronavirus has made it important to protect one another in the community. Montgomery Maryland County health officers have begun new requirements to protect local consumers and local retail workers that may be working at grocery and pharmacy stores. The new rules require wearing a mask or face covering if one is to shop in the store, while also practicing social distancing and standing about 6 feet apart. Employees will need to wash their hands every 30 minutes as well to help prevent the spread of the virus in open spaces.

🔊 Virginia Lawmakers seek to prevent the release of an inmate contemplated due to coronavirus.

May 11 • 511a, 611a, 711a, 811a, 911a, 1011a, 1106a •

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Four Virginia lawmakers are calling on Governor Ralph Northam to prevent the release of a man who killed a police officer in 1979. 64-year-old Vincent Lamont Martin is scheduled to be released from prison. Martin is one of dozens of inmates convicted in killings, who were granted parole in March during a push to accelerate the review of parole-eligible inmates because of the pandemic. In a last-minute letter to Northam dated 5/10, the lawmakers say the nature of the crime and irregularities involving the Parole Board's decision should prompt the governor to stop Martin's release.

🔊 Protests lead VA governor to declare State of Emergency

May 31 • 506a, 606a, 706, 806a, 906a, 1006a, 1106a, 1206a, 120p, 220p, 341p, 420p •

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As protest continue throughout the area, in Virginia, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in the commonwealth ahead of what he anticipated could be another violent night of clashes between law enforcement and protesters. After protests got out of hand in Prince William

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County, county leaders held an emergency meeting to discuss ways to ensure people can protest safely, watch the protests safely, and that businesses and property are also protected. WTOP reporter Liz Anderson reports from Virginia.

🔊 Anne Arundel County Police move to incorporate body cameras as unrest continues

June 2 • 511a, 611a, 711a, 811a, 921a, 1041a, 1121a, 1241p, 243p •

:60 seconds

Body-worn cameras were stricken from the budget in Anne Arundel County in May as the pandemic decimated revenue. But county executive Stuart Pittman says his team is scrambling to put together a supplementary budget request that would add the body cameras to the budget. The initial cost would add roughly \$4 million to the budget. Pittman says the decision came following a week of unrest across the country. In the fall, a state police report found that Anne Arundel had more instances of bias and hate crimes than any other jurisdiction in Maryland.

🔊 Another night of protests in Washington DC are a reaction to the death of George Floyd

June 2 • 504a, 604a, 704a, 804a, 905a, 1004a, 1104a, 1204a •

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Protests in DC went through the night again, despite an extended curfew imposed by Mayor Muriel Bowser. And just before the 7pm curfew went into effect last evening, police swept down on demonstrators in Lafayette Square -- suddenly and without warning -- clearing the area in front of the White House, including Lafayette Square. WTOP's Alejandro Alvarez reports protestors were dispersed with tear gas and other non-lethal weapons:

Health

🔊 Covid 19 deaths at local halfway house raise concern

April 6 • 506a, 606a, 706a, 806a, 906a, 1006a, 1106a, 1206a •

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Two men have died at a halfway house in the district and now there's push for others to be released to help stop the spread of coronavirus. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton is raising awareness of deaths at the facility and asking for an investigation. Hope Village has caused concern during the Covid 19 pandemic for spreading the virus to inmates of the home.

🔊 Staying healthy at home during Covid 19

April 16 • 506a, 606a, 706a, 806a, 906a, 1006a, 1106a, 1212p, 121p, 206p, 341p, 406p

60 seconds

With the restrictions in place due to CV, including the closing of local gyms, there is increased awareness about helping citizens stay healthy while at home. Dick Uliano reports on the efforts of Dr Mark Connell to help fellow citizens with ideas to stay active. These ideas include stretching and walk in place before trying more difficult exercises. Dr Connell is a former team physician for the Washington Wizards stresses measuring your goals and mixing it up to keep it fun.

🔊 Our area is working together to provide proper medical supplies to local healthcare workers

May 4 • 511a, 611a, 711a, 811a, 911a, 1011a, 1121a •

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The Loudon County Public Library branches in Brambleton, Gun Spring, Rust and Sterling branches have worked together to make face shields. These face shields are being distributed to front-line health

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workers and first responders in Loudoun County. They used 23 #D printers including Laser cutters to create these important devices. Sandu Kozel reports from Loudon County.

- 🔊 **Maryland daycare centers may begin the process of re-opening, but some operators are concerned about safety**
May 21 • 506a, 606a, 706a, 806a, 906a, 1006a, 1106a, 1212p, 121p, 206p, 341p, 406p •
:60 seconds
Maryland's State Department of Education's announced that child care is being expanded under the state's PHASE 1 plan to reopen. With slots for children opening up, there is increased awareness about having enough room to assist children of the frontline workers who must go to work. There remain questions about the safety of their employees and of the children staying at the daycare center.
- 🔊 **Dr. Anthony Fauci speaks with WTOP about coronavirus precautions**
June 5 • 1006a, 1106a, 1206p, 106p, 206p, 311p, 406p, 520p, 606p, 720p, 806p, 920p, 1006p, 1120p •
:60 seconds
As the DMV continues through the coronavirus, the Director of Center for Infectious diseases speaks exclusively with WTOP News. As DC experiences another night of Floyd demonstrations we learn how important it is for protestors to wear masks. Clearly, it was unthinkable to have such large gatherings during the coronavirus pandemic. Dr. Anthony Fauci, a key member of the White House coronavirus task force, says it 'is' a concern for public health officials and that the protestors should get tested immediately so that we can try to protect the broader community.
- 🔊 **Opioid related deaths in Maryland come under the spotlight even during the virus**
6/10: 1221p, 121p, 221p, 322p, 421p, 551p, 621p
60 seconds
In Maryland, a new state report shows that between January and March of this year, there were 561 opioid-related deaths representing a 2.6 percent increase from the first quarter of 2019. Anne Arundel had the highest number in the state at 52 deaths. Opioid deaths more than doubled in Prince George's County from last year's first quarter to 37. And Montgomery County had 7 more deaths this first quarter - compared to last - at 26. Governor Larry Hogan says it's too early to understand the effect the coronavirus pandemic on substance use. Marylanders struggling with a substance use disorder can find help at BeforeItsTooLate.Maryland.gov.

Business and consumer news

- 🔊 **Local business owners helping their neighbors make ends meet**
April 1 • 505a, 605a, 705a, 805a, 905a, 1005a, 1105a, 1205p
60 seconds
With increased awareness of struggling people and local restaurants, one local business person is working to make a difference. Neighborhood Restaurant Group is helping local residents by providing everyday kitchen essentials. Like flour, eggs, butter and even toilet paper. This effort by a local entrepreneur is helping local residents and is also putting people back to work during the CV. John Aaron reports that owner Michael Babin wanted to give back to the community. The service delivers provisions to: DC, Arlington, Alexandria and parts of Fairfax County.
- 🔊 **Montgomery County wants to keep rents from rising for local tenants during the pandemic**
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505a, 605a, 705a, 805a, 905a, 1005a, 1105a, 1205p

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As the coronavirus pandemic impacts local tenants, there is greater awareness of the importance of keeping rents from rising while people may be having a hard time in their finances. With unemployment on the rise due to the virus, the Covid 19 renter's relief act is being considered to help local residents from being evicted due to gauging of rental rates. WTOP's Michelle Murillo reports on the possible impact of the measure to help local residents.

Stay at home orders affect businesses in D.C. and the region

May 13 • 504a, 604a, 704a, 804a, 904a, 1004a, 1104a, 1204p, 104p, 204p, 304p, 404p, 504p, 604p, 704p, 804p, 904p, 1004p, 1104p

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With many restriction in place to protect citizens of our area, our region's leaders are making moves on stay-at-home orders during this coronavirus shutdown. Some areas are lengthening the stay at home orders, while others are easing. Maryland Governor Larry Hogan announced that the first phase of his plan to reopen the state that includes regulations such as: Restaurants and gyms will stay closed. Montgomery County Executive Mark Elrich believes the county is not ready to take the first step towards re-opening because of a densely-populated environment with nearly 400 COVID19 deaths. Citing a plateauing of hospitalizations and intensive care cases of covid19, Hogan said all would have to encourage social distancing, and should follow guidelines to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Noting that cases are highest in four counties—including Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, Hogan the decision was made in consultation with health experts, and that any change in the course of the pandemic would prompt action.

Easing restrictions in the region can help local businesses get back on track

May 15 •

504a, 604a, 704a, 804a, 904a, 1004a, 1104a, 1204p, 104p, 204p, 304p, 404p, 504p, 604p, 704p, 804p, 904p, 1004p, 1104p

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Today is the day that Maryland and Virginia begin to allow SOME easing of restrictions that had to be put in place by the pandemic. But here in the DC region that easing will happen a lot slower than it is in other parts of those states ... {In Maryland, phase one of the recovery begins at 5 o'clock this evening, but some counties in this region won't be going all in, and some won't be starting at all. Stay at home orders are still in effect in Montgomery, Prince George's, and Charles Counties. In other counties retailers can start to open up again, but only at half capacity in some places, and just for curbside pickup in others. The rules for churches, as well as barbershops and salons will also vary. Most of Virginia also enters phase 1 today, but not northern Virginia region, and not the city of Richmond. However in places in between and elsewhere, restrictions on retail stores, churches, and other businesses start to loosen.

DC capital bike share closes location due to fear of protest damages

6/1 505a, 605a, 705a, 820a, 920a, 1121a

60 seconds

Capital Bike share provides low cost bike rentals for area residents. DC's Capital Bikeshare stations closed for fear the George Floyd protests could damages bikes. The decision was announced yesterday during the third day of protests in the city, as crowds marched toward Lafayette Square in front of the White House. Bikeshare stations in Virginia and Maryland stayed open.

High School and College graduates cannot celebrate in person due to the virus

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6/3 1211p, 211p, 441p, 641p
80 seconds

In our series Covid19 and the Class of 2020, there's a common thread among students in our area and across the country: missing out on the rites of passage in graduating from school. WTOP's Kate Ryan reports from Winchester High School in Montgomery County Maryland that local seniors are missing the face to face celebrations that they had been used to and expected. It is a challenge that local students are facing head on by being creative during this time.

CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC

The Coronavirus pandemic has been the leading story on WTOP since the states and the district have announced the cases and deaths in March 2020. WTOP reported on all of the important news coming from the local municipalities: The District Of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. These reports are ongoing and details on these reports may be found in the body of this document. Our focus on coronavirus also included several initiatives:

Front Line Heroes Campaign

WTOP also helped the community within the context of a very exciting campaign called Frontline Heroes. Please note: Objective: From April 20 – May 31 WTOP encouraged participants to nominate a “Frontline Hero” (essential employee or emergency responder) in their life working on the frontlines of the Coronavirus pandemic. Nominations: 633 individuals participated in nominating their Frontline Hero. Monetary Awards: WTOP chose 2 individuals each day to recognize on-air, online and on social media (84 total). In total WTOP donated \$8,400 to individual frontline heroes and \$8,400 to Feed the Fight DC. Social media reach and impact: The campaign resulted in 26,644 page views on WTOP.com, 12,252 views, 95 clicks and 82 engagements on Facebook plus 49,912,953 impressions and 1,035 engagements on Twitter. On Air Commitment: In addition, we ran 325 :30 second promos over the course of the 6 week campaign and 294 :10 live reads on-air. This campaign was executed in partnership with Northwest Federal Credit Union. We have honored 84 individuals and all of the occupations can be found here: <https://wtop.com/contests/wtop-frontline-heroes-honorees/>

Community Call Out

Between April 1 – June 21 2020, WTOP ran 903 editions of this report from sales inventory. WTOP has been committed to helping local businesses manage the difficulties of operating during the coronavirus pandemic. “Community Call Out” was a :60 second recorded report updating the community on the status of local businesses, restaurants, charitable groups, and religious organizations during coronavirus. These messages were taken from commercial inventory and allowed organizations the opportunity to announce openings, closures, or changes in their operational structure as they were forced to react to the virus pandemic.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WTOP broadcast 77 public service campaigns 2,694 times between April 1 and June 30 at various times of day. Each announcement was 30 or 60 seconds.

- 🔊 American Academy of Pediatrics
- 🔊 American Heart Association
- 🔊 Alzheimer's Foundation
- 🔊 American Lung Association
- 🔊 CarePackage.org
- 🔊 Centers for Disease Control
- 🔊 Child Fund International
- 🔊 Children's Miracle Network
- 🔊 Cohen Foundation
- 🔊 Department of Transportation
- 🔊 Doctors without Borders
- 🔊 Easterseals Bright Stars
- 🔊 Generation Hope
- 🔊 Gift of Life Marrow Registry
- 🔊 Good 360
- 🔊 Help Heal Vets
- 🔊 Health and Human Services
- 🔊 Internal Revenue Service
- 🔊 Jewish Council on Aging
- 🔊 March of Dimes
- 🔊 Matching Donors
- 🔊 Maryland.gov
- 🔊 Make a Wish Foundation
- 🔊 Maryland & DC Army National Guard
- 🔊 Montgomery County Opioid Addiction
- 🔊 National Association of Broadcasters
- 🔊 National Council on Aging
- 🔊 National Insurance Crime Bureau
- 🔊 No Stomach for Cancer
- 🔊 NOVA Vets
- 🔊 OCMD Safety
- 🔊 Partners Against Child Trafficking
- 🔊 Pipeline Operators for Ag Safety
- 🔊 Project Hope
- 🔊 RAINN
- 🔊 Sacred People
- 🔊 SAMSHA
- 🔊 Social Security Administration

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- 🎧 Toyota Takata Airbag Recall
- 🎧 The Ad Council
- 🎧 The Association for Migraine Disorders
- 🎧 The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
- 🎧 The Infection Diseases Society of America
- 🎧 The Weatherall Company
- 🎧 US Food and Drug Administration
- 🎧 Veterans Affairs
- 🎧 Veterans History Project
- 🎧 Wounded Warriors
- 🎧 YMCA