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Quarterly Issues and Programs Report

Through formal and informal ascertainment of the public, community leaders, public officials – inclusive of different ethnic organizations and service organizations, the following list emerged as issues needing media attention and support.

The programs produced to meet the needs of the public included locally produced shows and newscasts as well as national programs, public service announcement campaigns and sales marketing campaigns.

Community Issues

Accidents and Disasters	Environment
Business & Industry	Foreign News
Children & Youth	Funerals and Memorials
Consumer	Government and Politics
Court and Legal Decisions	Health and Medical
Crime and Law Enforcement	Housing
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Elderly-Seniors-Retirement	Safety
Employment/Labor	Technology
Entertainment	Transportation

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

WEATHER- CHICAGO/ LAKE FOREST- 10PKG

Wintry mix with rain, sleet and snow all hitting the Chicago area. Drivers say it's very treacherous on the wet roads throughout Illinois. Everything was coated with ice, causing flights delays and outages through the area. Tollway has almost 200 trucks clearing the streets.

There were spinouts and accidents throughout the area, but fortunately it was a holiday so less vehicles on the roads. Jen DeSalvo- Runs 2:22

TRANSPORTATION- NEW LAWS- CHICAGO- 10PM PKG

New laws hit the new year and one of the more controversial is the Chicago ticket law for drivers going more than six miles above the posted speed limits. Drivers are not happy, saying the city is just trying to squeeze more money at a time when people cannot afford it. But the head of Chicago Department of Transportation says the first offense will give drivers a warning, and then the next violation will get a 35-dollar ticket. Natalie Martinez- Runs 2:48

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- EDUCATION- RICHARDS HS SCHOLARSHIP-OAK LAWN – 6PM PKG The principal of Richards High School Mike Jacobson is walking for 24 hours to raise money for student scholarships. It's all being streamed live and principals and the students hearing about the effort decided to join in. Lee Ann Trotter- Runs 1;54

ECONOMY- FITNESS CENTERS 2021 -LOMBARD- 6PM PKG

Covid-19 has hit fitness centers hard in 2020, and managers say it's about getting people back into the gym and getting people exercising. Experts says it's hard to get people working from home, and many gyms are now doing online training programs to get people back to work out. Chris Coffey- Runs 1:30

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

CRIME- KENOSHA UNREST PREPS- KENOSHA- LIVE 10PM – The Kenosha Council has given the mayor powers to call for a curfew as the State's Attorney prepares to announce to charge or not to charge police officer, accused of shooting Jacob Blake last summer. Today the relatives of Jacob Blake called for calm, peaceful protests, no matter what the decision, but added they would like to see the officer fire, then tried for attempted murder. Alex Maragos- Runs 2:31

EDUCATION- CPS STAFF RETURNS TO SCHOOL- CHICAGO- 10PM PKG- Chicago Teachers and staff were scheduled to return to schools today, but the Chicago Teachers' Union told their members schools were not safe and asked safety measures be resolved before returning. One group of teachers staged a photo op outside a school to show defiance to the public schools' timeline of returning to schools. The Chicago Public Schools and the Mayor's office released pictures showing the Mayor with teachers inside schools. Natalie Martinez- Runs 2:46

POLITICS- TRUMP AND GEORGIA RACE- GEORGIA/ILLINOIS-5PM PKG

Representative Robin Kelly denounced President Trump's actions after hearing his phone call to the Georgia Secretary of State on their election, and says he lost the election, it's time to move on. The President asked the Secretary of State to find voted to overturn the results in Georgia. Illinois' Dick Durbin called his actions merit nothing less than a criminal investigation calling Donald Trump unhinged and dangerous. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:04

HEALTH/EDUCATION- SALIVA TESTS- COVID 19- WHEATON-/BROOKFIELD -4PM PKG- Several suburban and private schools are planning on returning to hybrid learning and testing students every week. Many schools including District 200 in the western suburbs are using saliva tests. In Wheaton, about 55 percent of its 6th grad and above students have signed up for the tests which are designed to spot asymptomatic carriers of the virus. And before any student steps into a classroom, the school district will have the results. Chris Coffey- runs 1:57

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

CRIME=POLICE SHOOTING NO CHARGES- KENOSHA –10PM/5PM PKG

The Kenosha County State's Attorney and the special prosecutor in the Jacob Blake police shooting case announced there would be no charges against the police officer accused of shooting Blake. The announcement came in a two-hour news conference where the state's attorney says charges would not lead to a conviction. There is still a civil case against the police department. Jacob Blake was paralyzed from the shooting. Natalie Martinez /Alex Maragos 2:04

CRIME – REACTION TO KENOSHA SHOOTING DECISION- KENOSHA/CHICAGO - 10PM/6PM PKG

Relatives marched in a peaceful protest after finding out the Kenosha County will not be charging the police officer for shooting Jacob Blake. They said they were disappointed and plan to take their frustration to Washington. The city had extra police and the National Guard patrolling the streets to ensure the protests were peaceful. The father of Jacob Blake joined Jesse Jackson in Chicago after the announcement was made and said he was disappointed in the decision and the officer basically tried to murder his son. Kate Chappell / Alex Maragos- Runs 4:09

RELIGION- FATHER PFLEGER REMOVED FROM MINISTRY- CHICAGO- 10PM PKG

Cardinal Cupich of The Archdiocese of Chicago announced Father Pfleger of St. Sabina has been temporarily removed from ministry, following an accusation of sexual abuse of a minor. The accusation which was made yesterday means that Fr. Pfleger step aside from ministry while the Archdiocese investigates the allegation.

Upon hearing the news, the church sent out a statement supporting their pastor who has been with St. Sabina since 1981. Trina Orlando- Runs 2:17

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- CULTURE/ART- WALL OF ART- HARVEY – 5PM PKG

Chicago PD actor helps create wall art project to promote change in Harvey. LaRoyce Hawkins was inspired by the Bible and helped create this project. He invited his friend to help with the project and it's really grown. Lee Ann Trotter- Runs 2:06

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

CRIME- DOMESTIC TERRORISM- WASHINGTON DC- 10PM PKG

The U.S. House and Senate buildings were stormed by Trump supporters, insisting the election was stolen. One woman was shot and killed, and hours later the National Guard was called to secure the building the building. Protesters made their way through the House and Senate floors, Statuary hall and

lawmakers' offices. Before the riot the president encouraged His supporters to confront the congressmen. Hours later, lawmakers confirmed Joe Biden the winner in the Presidential election. Phil Rogers – Runs 2:39

CRIME – LOCAL LAWMAKERS REACTION- WASHINGTON DC- 10PM PKG – Lawmakers taking cover during the insurrection by Trump supporters share their stories of what happened from their view. Both Republicans and Democrats blame President Trump for the violence and worry it will continue. Others blamed lack of police as one of the issues that led to the violence inside the capitol. Mary Anne Ahern Runs- 2:11

SECURITY—ILLINOIS- 10PM PKG - The former Capitol Police Chief Terrence Gainer said it was a terrible sight and there were mistakes by the police. Former Democratic Representative Dan Lipinski says he expected more reinforcement. Natalie Martinez- Runs 2:14

RELIGION – FATHER PLEGER ABUSE ALLEGATION- CHICAGO - 10PM VOSOT
Supporters gathered to support Catholic priest Father Pflieger who was taken off ministry following an accusation of sexual abuse. The abuse was allegedly from 40 years ago. Pflieger, a popular anti-violence activist posted on social media saying he can't talk about the incident and asked for parishioners' prayers. :32

HEALTH- VACCINATIONS- NEW RULES- ILLINOIS- 10PM PKG
Governor Pritzker announced new rules allowing people 65 or older to get vaccinated. He also put teachers, first responders and transportation workers as priorities for the vaccines. Kate Chappell Runs 1:44

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021

POLITICS- TRUMP /CONGRESS -WASHINGTON DC- 10PM PKG President calls for calm and promises a smooth transition 24 hours after of violence and chaos from a capitol siege. Top Democrats want Vice-President Pence to invoke 25th amendment and Joe Biden blames the violence on the president. Two cabinet members offered their resignations. Stefan Holt- Runs 2:10

POLITICS- POLITICIAN REACTIONS- WASHINGTON DC- 10PM PKG – Congresswoman Robin Kelly from Chicago is one of several congressman calling for President Trump to resign following yesterday's attack on the U.S. Capitol. Duck Durbin tweeted he should step down. Trina Orlando. Runs -2:11

CRIME- DC ARREST - WASHINGTON DC/ROSELLE ILLINOIS- 10PM PKG- Two people from Illinois have arrested in the mob action from yesterday's Capitol riots. Four people have died from the insurrection and the Speaker of the House is asking for changes after calling out Capitol Police failures. Natalie Martinez- runs 1:52

DIVERSITY- RACISM- CAPITOL RIOTS- WASHINGTON DC/EVANSTON- 6PM PKG- There is a new nationwide conversation emerging about how the Capitol riots were handled. The question that is being asked, what if most rioters were black. One Northwestern University looked at the response to the rioters over the summer to the rioters on the Capitol and noticed the police response was dramatically different, calling out racism. Congressman Quigley also said if the demonstrators were of a different color, President Trump would have had the National Guard there. Christian Farr- Runs 1:51

CRIME- HATE CRIME - OAK PARK – 10PM PKG - Community members adorn a local café with messages of love and support after someone threw a brick at the business of Live Café and Creative Space. Hundreds marched together to show this is not acceptable in their town. The owner says she appreciates the messages and will not let racism intimidate her. Lexi Sutter- Runs 1:32

FRIDAY JANUARY 8, 2021

CRIME- CAPITOL RIOTS FALLOUT – WASHINGTON DC- -10PM PKG President Trump may face impeachment charges following the riots at the U>S. Capitol. Lawmakers are blaming the President for inciting the violence. President Trump was banned from Twitter following the riots. Trump also said he will not go to Joe Biden’s inauguration. Natalie Martinez- Runs 3:31

NBC5 INVESTIGATES- LABOR/CRIME- IDES INVESTIGATION- ILLINOIS- 10pm PKG - The Federal Bureau of Investigation is opening an investigation involving identity theft after numerous complaints from throughout the state involving Unemployment claims. Some of the complaints say criminals have taken their identity and stolen unemployment benefits in their name. A task force is being formed to investigate these crimes. Lisa Parker - Runs 2:25

RELIGEON- ST. SABINA/FR. PFLEGER SUPPORTERS- CHICAGO- 10PM PKG - Supporters for Father Mike Pfleger gathered outside his parish after a sex abuse allegation surfaced, forcing him to step aside as the investigation begins. No criminal charges have been filed. Supporters say the allegations aren’t true and are praying both for their priest and his accusers. Regina Waldroup- runs 1:36

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

SAFETY/SECURITY- FBI- ARMED PROTESTS WARNING- WASHINGTON/CHICAGO/SPRINGFIELD – 10PM PKG

The Illinois State Police confirmed they are tracking possible events at the Illinois Capitol after the Federal Bureau of Investigation warned the nation of plans for armed protests at all 50 state capitols. The warning said the protests could take place days leading up to President- Elect Joe Biden’s inauguration. Trina Orlando – Runs 2:05

EDUCATION- KIDS RETURN TO IN SCHOOL LEARNING- CHICAGO- 6PM PKG

Some CPS Students in Pre- K and special education returned to the classroom Monday, despite protests from Chicago Public Teachers. Some parents and the Mayor said in-school learning benefits the students, but teachers and the union say schools are not yet safe enough to return to in class learning. Kate Chappell- Runs 2:01

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- FAMILY- CAR DONATION- HOMEWOOD- 4PM PKG

A grandmother taking care of her four grandchildren was chosen to get a new car, along with six months of insurance. Doleen Colvin received the new car in a contest where 700 people entered. The Chevy dealership says she was chosen because she really changed people’s lives. In addition to the free car, Colvin also received 6 months of free insurance. Regina Waldroup- Runs 2:10

POLITICS- SPEAKER SUSPENDS CAMPAIGN- SPRINGFIELD- 6PM PKG

The oldest speaker of the house in the nation has announced he is suspending his campaign for the job. But that doesn't mean he won't be voted in. Michael Madigan, who has been speaker of the House since the 80's is nine votes shy of winning the position. Others in the running, include several women and an African American man. Mary Ann Ahern- runs 2:30

TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 2021

POLITICS- CONGRESS/25TH AMENDMENT - WASHINGTON DC- 10PM PKG

The House of Representatives is moving to impeach the president after the Vice-President sent a letter to the Speaker saying will not invoke the 25th amendment. The House Tuesday night passed a resolution calling on the Vice-President and the cabinet to push Trump out of office for his role in the cabinet. The House plans to vote on one article of impeachment against the president. And five Republicans house members have stated they will support the impeachment of the president, including Illinois's Republican Adam Kinzinger- Alex Maragos – Runs 2:45

CRIME- THREATS AGAINST LAWMAKERS ARREST- CHICAGO HEIGHTS/ILLINOIS- 10PM/6P PKG

Louis Capriotti has been arrested and charged with threatening to kill any Democrat who sets foot on the White House lawn during inauguration. This comes after the Capitol riots in which federal agents have been looking into radicals and extremists. The south suburban Chicago man is currently at the MCC detention center and faces federal court next week. Trina Orlando 1:47

EDUCATION/DIVERSITY- SKOKIE SCHOOL EQUALITY- 10PM PKG

A group of concerned teachers, parents and students are demanding action after allegations of discrimination. Niles Township High School is being accused of acts of discrimination. The NCAAP along with students gathered outside the school describing different incidents of discrimination. The school and administration did not comment on this issue. Natalie Martinez- Runs 1:49

POLITICS- MADIGAN REPLACEMENT- SPRINGFIELD - 6PM PKG

Illinois lawmakers are deciding if anyone will replace House Speaker Michael Madigan. Representative Emanuel Chris Welch is the frontrunner for the role, but now there are questions about Welch's past in a domestic violence incident. Welch also was the Democrat who stalled the investigation into Mike Madigan and his role in the Comed scandal. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:55

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021

RELIGION- SAVING CHRIST THE CHURCH- CHICAGO – 5PM PKG

The last standing Catholic church in Chicago's Woodlawn neighborhood is raising money to save the building. Their priest, parishioners and the kindness of strangers are on a mission to save the Christ the King Church. Over a million dollars has been donated to rebuild the church following a major fire in 2015 that destroyed everything inside. Today, they gave us a tour of all the repairs they have done, and what still needs to be fixed. Regina Waldroup- Runs 1:46

POLITICS- IMPEACHMENT- WASHINGTON DC- 10PM PKG

For the second time in his one term as president, the House of Representatives have voted to impeach President Trump. Ten Republicans joined Democrats to impeach Mr Trump, and the case now goes to the Senate for a trial. Most of Illinois politicians voted for the impeachment, but one downstate Republican says the action is political, and we should be looking at healing instead of dividing the country. Alex Maragos- Runs 2:54

DIVERSITY/POLITICS- NEW SPEAKER- SPRINGFIELD- 6PM PKG

It was a day of firsts in Springfield. The first African American was voted in as Speaker of the House in Illinois. Chris Welch received more than 60 votes to gain the speakership after the longest serving Speaker of the House, Michael Madigan is no longer serving as its chief. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:12

THURSDAY , JANUARY 14, 2021

HEALTH- MASS VACCINATIONS ROLLOUT – CHICAGO – 4PM PKG - The city steps up its inoculation centers. There will be six Pod sites to vaccinate 600 Thousand people both healthcare workers and seniors in the city. The health care chief says they still don't have enough vaccines. Charlie Wojciechowski Runs 2:17

ECONOMY- INDOOR DINING OPENING UP- ILLINOIS- 10PM PKG - The Governor is expected to rollout a roadmap for gradual return to indoor dining tomorrow. And it can't be too soon or some owners of restaurants around town . the co- owner of Sogno says they've been struggling for a long time and really need this. The Governor plans to announce which regions will be able to reopen indoor dining tomorrow which means some restaurants and bars may be able to welcome guests back I inside by this weekend. But we know Chicago and surrounding counties is not part of that reopening plan, due to their Coronavirus metrics. Lexi Sutter- Runs 1:43

SAFETY- NATIONAL GUARD TO DC- PEORIA ILLINOIS- 10PM PKG - America is on alert tonight over new concerns of violence in Washington and around the country. The FBI is asking state and local police to share all intelligence they have right wing extremist plots against federal and state government. One of the warnings is that there may be potential violence at multiple protests and rallies in Washington DC as we near the inauguration. Illinois Governor PB Pritzker has activated about 200 National Guards troops to head to Washington DC. Trina Orlando- runs 1:46

LAW ENFORCEMENT – POLICE REFORM – SPRINGFIELD CHICAGO- 10PM - Local law enforcement officials are saying yesterday's massive police reform bill Should have been vetted before passing . And a local activist says he doesn't believe the bill Does enough for racial issues in law enforcement. Christian Farr- Runs 1:57

NBC INVESTIGATES - HEADSTONES DUMPED – CHICAGO- 6PM PKG The Veterans Affairs is investigating several headstones found in a CSX train yard in the city's southside. It's not known why the headstones were there. Veterans say it's not uncommon to replace old or damaged headstones, but they don't know why these headstones ended up in a train yard. Chris Coffey Runs 1:53

NBC REponds- HOUSING- ILLINOIS- 430PM PKG -A lawyer explains the tenant and landlord rights under the state's anti-eviction law. The law says a tenant must sign a contract that allows a tenant to delay payment of rent, but they will still owe rent under the contract. Lisa Parker - Runs 3:01

FRIDAY-JANUARY 15, 2021

MEDIA-WRONGFUL ID CAPITOL ATTACK- CHICAGO – 5PM PKG

A retired Chicago Fire Department firefighter was wrongfully identified on social media as a person who participated on the Capitol attack last week. David Quintavalle says he had nothing to do with the protest and he got death threats, after someone saw a picture of a man with a CFD hat. The hat belonged to a Pennsylvania man and even the federal officials investigating the picture said it wasn't him. Vi Nguyen, Runs 2:02

HEALTH/COVID 19 - RESTAURANTS REOPEN – ILLINOIS- 6PM PKG- Governor Pritzker Announced three regions in the state may begin opening indoor dining because their metrics have fallen on the virus. But Chicago, and the surrounding five counties are still not allowed to reopen at this time. The Governor says the entire state is improving and some counties may be able to open soon. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:06

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021

POLITICS- INAUGURATION -EVANSTON/WASHINGTON DC- 6PM PKG

With only two days left before President Elect Joe Biden's inauguration, there are several reports coming out about President Trump and last-minute pardons. A Northwestern University expert says don't expect Trump to pardon himself or his family. Meantime, Senator Harris officially stepped down as California's Senator and will take the oath of office for the Vice President on Wednesday. As for that day's ceremony, all attendees must take a Covid -19 test separately at the Pentagon beforehand. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 3:57

CIVIL RIGHTS- MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY- WHEATON- 5PM PKG-

Bernard Kleina, a former priest from Wheaton speaks about his time with Dr King and the civil rights movement in the 60's. Kleina photographed King when he was in Chicago. Kleina has since left the priesthood and dedicated his life to fair housing, creating the Chicago Freedom Movement and HOPE. He credits Dr. King for helping him discover the inequities in this country. Lee Ann Trotter- Runs 2:43

HEALTH- CORONAVIRUS TIER 2- SPRINGFIELD/LAKE COUNTY—10PM PKG-

Illinois has moved more counties into Tier Two, allowing movie theatres and gyms to reopen. This stops short of indoor dining or bars from reopening. Lake County officials are excited for the move, but says it doesn't go far enough. Trina Orlando- Runs 1:45

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

CRIME- CARJACKING – AURORA- 5PM PKG

A mother of two is undergoing surgery after being shot from a carjacking over the weekend. 47-year old Kim Weibring was at the restaurant when a car pulled up and shot her and took her car. She is in critical condition and police are still looking for the vehicle. Her stepfather says the victim has a bullet lodged in her back and police are still looking to make an arrest in the case. They did find the vehicle this week. Chris Coffey- Runs 1:31

HEALTH/ COVID- 19 MEMORIAL -CHICAGO/ WASHINGTON – 10PM

Lights went dark for the National Covid-19 memorial that Joe Biden scheduled for the day before the inauguration. In Chicago, landmarks like Navy Pier, Willis Tower and the Millennium Park went dark while Americans were asked to take a moment to remember the hundreds of thousands that were killed by Covid-19. Regina Waldroup- Runs 1:44

CONSUMER- NBC 5 RESPONDS- TAX SEASON.COVID REFUNDS- ILLINOIS-4PM PKG

While this year's tax season is approaching, some people are still waiting for their Covid -19 refunds. There is an Internal Revenue backlog because of the Coronavirus pandemic, one viewer says she is still waiting for her refund from last year. Raffaella Gurschke filed her taxes in February of last year and still hasn't received her refund which was expected to be around five thousand dollars. Lisa Parker- Runs 3:15

SAFETY- INAUGURATION PREPS/SECURITY- WASHINGTON D.C. -10PM PKG—Security is being tightened on the eve of President Elect Biden's inauguration. 25-thousand National Guard troops surround the capitol and other federal buildings following the January 6th insurrection. Illinois National Guard sent troops and Tuesday Senator Durbin met with them. The troops may remain in Washington D.C. for thirty days. The FBI continues to investigate and arrest those responsible. Trina Orlando- Runs 1:40

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

POLITICS- BIDEN/ HARRIS INAUGURATION- WASHINGTON/CHICAGO- 4PM/ 6PM PKG

President Joe Biden was sworn in as this country's 46th President today. Kamala Harris was also sworn in making her the first African American woman to take that office. The ceremony was much more low- key because of the Coronavirus pandemic, but also included a large increase in security after this month's insurrection at the Capitol. Suburban voters in the western suburbs say they are hoping to move on from the last month's election. Chris Coffey/ Mary Ann Ahern - Runs 4:51

EDUCATION – CTU DELAGATES REMOTE LEARNING- CHICAGO- 10PM PKG-

The Chicago Teachers Union will take a vote after they said 80 percent of their delegates voted to return to full remote learning. Jesse Sharkey, the head of the union says schools are not safe for staff or students. Chicago Public Schools says they have made schools safe and accuse the union of trying to close schools down. Chicago Public Schools have scheduled student's kindergarten through 8th grade to be back in classes next Monday. Negotiations are still underway. Lexi Sutter 1:48

ARTS AND CULTURE/YOUTH- POET LAUREATE AT INAUGURATION- WASHINGTON DC/CHICAGO- 10PM

PKG – The youngest Poet Laureate in our history makes a memorable delivery at Biden's inauguration. Amanda Gorman's grandmother who lives in Chicago says her granddaughter has always had a gift, since she was young and writing and speaking. Her Grandmother had to watch the speech on tv because of Covid -19, but plans to visit her soon. Regina Waldroup Runs 1:49

POLITICS- HARRIS SUPPORT- DC- CHICAGO- 5PM PKG

Two sorority sisters watched with pride as Kamala Harris took the oath of office as Vice President of the United States. Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sisters wore pearls to support Harris. Vi Nguyen Runs 2:31

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021

EDUCATION/HEALTH- BACK TO CLASS – CHICAGO – 5 PM PKG

Parents sound off on whether schools are safer for their kids. Some think CPS has done a pretty good job for protecting their kids. One parent says she has a pre-k kid in school and it's going well. But CTU says the schools are not safe enough and some parents don't want to send their kids back to in class learning. Teachers are expected to return to class for students kindergarten to 8th grade next week. But teachers are refusing, and CPS is now saying if they don't return will be an illegal strike. Christian Farr- Runs 2:00

HEALTH- VACCINATION CONFUSION -CHICAGO – 10PM PKG

The Chicago Health Department has announced starting next week, they will start giving doses to front line workers and those over the age of 65. This is Phase 1B of its vaccination plans. But the city says there may be a bit of a wait because they don't have enough doses for everyone. Dr. Arwady, the head of the Chicago Department of Health is asking people to be patient. They ask for people to register online, and check websites on a regular basis. Lexi Sutter- Runs- 1:46

ECONOMY/HEALTH- INDOOR DINING- WILL COUNTY - COFFEY –430PM PKG

Will and Kankakee counties are now in the Tier 1 phase, allowing a smaller indoor eating crowd. And for some restaurants the change couldn't come fast enough. Tow restaurant owners are pleased that their regular customers are coming back, and they are all being safe. Chris Coffey- Runs 2:02

CRIME CARJACKSING SPREES- CHICAGO – 10PM /6PM PKG-/ 5PM LIVE – A large amount of carjackings in the city and the suburbs has sparked an outcry for protection. In the last few days there have been more than a dozen carjackings in Chicago , with many of the suspects in their teens. Police say one of the suspects is as young as 12 years old. Other suburbs have been experiencing an uptick. And with the carjackings, several people have been shot. In January there have been more than 145 carjackings. Vi Nguyen/Trina Orlando- Runs 6:02

LAW ENFORCEMENT/DIVERSITY- POLICE PATCH- MT. PROSPECT- 6PM PKG-

Criticism is growing from residents in Mt Prospect because a patch worn by police. The patch on their uniforms shows a blue line on black striped background, some say is a symbol for white supremacy. The patch is seen on their pictures on Facebook. The police say they are offering a second design and announced the new symbol for the officers. Charlie Wojciechowski- Runs 2:05

FRIDAY , JANUARY 22, 2021

HEALTH- ECONOMY – INDOOR DINING- CHICAGO 10PM PKG

Local restaurants are preparing to open to partial indoor dining tomorrow, after months of offering only outdoor and takeout /delivery service. The city announced that Cook and Chicago restaurants are going into Tier guidelines allowing less restrictions. For some struggling restaurants, this couldn't come quick enough, even if it's just allowing 25 percent of their customers indoors at a time . Lexi Sutter- Runs 1:26

CRIME- CARJACKINGS- CHICAGO- 10PM PKG

Chicago has seen 166 carjackings this month alone. Today the Dept of Public Safety, Alderman and residents all met to discuss solutions and one of them includes forming a task force. This task force will include suburban police agencies and Chicago police. Regina Waldroup- Runs 1:53

MAKING A DIFFERENCE-ARTS /CULTURE- LOCAL SINGER HELPS OTHERS- 4PM PKG- While the Covid -19 pandemic has hurt scores of musicians, some are getting help, thanks to the generosity of one singer. Hollee Thee Maxwell helped start Black Musicians Matter , which collects food, and other essentials so they can focus on their music and not worry about meals. Lee Ann Trotter- Runs 2:02

MONDAY , JANUARY 25, 2021

ART/CULTURE- BIG CHICAGO STORIES DOCUSERIES- CHICAGO – 4PM PKG

A new series on Roku highlights some of Illinois’s biggest stories , dating back decades. Phil Rogers goes into the NBC Chicago vault and revisits one of Chicago’s most unusual events, a man who was nicknamed spiderman, who scales the John Hancock building. Years later he tells us what happened. Its’s just one of the stories that Phil Rogers will be covering in the new Roku NBC Series Big Chicago Stories. Phil Rogers- Runs 3:28

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- BE AN ACTS HERO- CHICAGO- 430PM PKG Hundreds of playwrights and artists are looking to the Biden administration to prioritize arts and culture. They are kicking off 100 days of art to show art is essential to humanity. Lee Ann Trotter- Runs 1:54

HEALTH- VACCINE ROLLOUT-TINLEY PARK- 6PM PKG –The Governor and Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle toured the Tinley Park Convention Center, where the National Guard was rolling out their vaccination site. It’s one of a handful throughout the county. But this will be a site that will only be giving doses to people with appointment only. Charlie Wojciechowski-Runs . 1:57 .

WEATHER- SNOW- LOMBARD/CHICAGO- 10PM PKG –

The Chicago area is set to get 4- 9 inches in the next 24 hours and people are preparing. Some schools and flights have been cancelled . Plows were out in the early evening salting the roads. Alex Maragos- 1:35pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

RACE IN CHICAGO- CHICAGO- TROTTER- 5PM PKG

Martin Luther King spent a few months living in the city of Chicago. He brought his fight against housing discrimination and equality to the city in 1966 . He helped shine a light on discrimination in Chicago . LeeAnn Trotter- Runs 4:11

WEATHER- SNOWSTORM- CHICAGO/ARLINGTON HEIGHTS/ NORTHERN SUBURBS – 4AM- 7AM

An overnight snowstorm dumped more than 7 inches into the city and the suburbs. It’s the most snow at one time in the area in the last two years. Snow covered roads caused slow going on the roads, but because of Covid-19 , more people are working from home, making it safer for commuters. NBC Staff-Runs 3 hours

NATALIE- CPS/CTU IN PERSON LEARNING LATEST-

Mayor Lightfoot and the CEO of the Chicago Public Schools told parents to keep their kids home for remote learning Wednesday while negotiations continue with the teachers. The showdown is over bringing teachers back into schools for in-class learning. The teachers’ union claims that the schools are

not safe for them or students , and that they may set up pickets if CPS ends negotiations. Natalie Martinez-Runs 2:52

HEALTH- VACCINE CONFUSION-ILLINOIS- PKG Vaccine Confusion -10PM

Starting Monday , the National Guard led sites will begin vaccinating residents eligible under Phase 1B, . Drug stores are also stepping up to help vaccinate residents. But there is a lot of confusion on who gets the vaccine . Several folks we spoke report difficulty booking appointments to get vaccinated, . Roughly 3.2 million residents are eligible, but the number of doses isn't available for everyone. Alex Maragos-Runs 1;22

CRIME- RITTENHOUSE IN CUSTODY- ANTIOCH- 10PM PKG

New video has been released from the Antioch police showing Kyle Rittenhouse in custody at the Antioch police station after shooting and killing two men in Kenosha. Rittenhouse says he shot the men in self defense. The video shows him crying with his mom, and police say in the four hours in custody, he asked police if he could delete his social media. Trina Orlando Runs- 1:53

NBC5 Responds-UNEMPLOYMENT OVERPAYMENT- CHICAGO/ST. CHARLES-10PM PKG

Several people have reported overpayment for their Covid – 19 unemployment checks. But when they received a letter from the Illinois Department of Employment demanding they pay back the overpayment, they reached out to see if they must. The state says the overpayment was due to President Trump's administration insisting they make payments to the applicants soon, causing a backlog in vetting. But now a federal bill is being introduced allowing the applicants to keep the overpayments. Senator Durbin supports the bill. Lisa Parker- Runs 3:09

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

ACCIDENT-FATAL FIRE- DES PLAINES- 4PM/ 10PM PKG- Four children and one adult woman were killed in a mid- morning house fire. The residence was split into apartments and one of the survivors from the lower apartment says the flames were shooting out on the second floor and within 15 minutes it was fully engulfed. The children ranged in age from 6 to one years old . Chris Coffey/Lexi Sutter- Runs4:13

MAKING A DIFFERENCE-SAFETY- ELDERLY WOMAN RESCUED- CHICAGO- 10PM PKG –

A United States Postal Worker noticed that one of her customers hadn't picked up her mail in at least three days, so she called the police for a well- being check. When they arrived, they found-89-year-old Helen on the floor with no food or water and barely alive. She was taken to the hospital and is now recuperating at a rehab center. Her niece today was able to thank the postal worker in person for saving her mother. Natalie Martinez- runs 1:57

EDUCATION- CPS/CTU NEGOTIATIONS- CHICAGO – 5PM PKG

Today the Chicago Public Schools announced that all students will be on remote learning for Thursday , as they continue to try and get teachers back into the classrooms. Parents are getting more frustrated with each day of remote learning. One mom who has a hearing-impaired son says he needs to be in class . Other parents say they want the kids in class but also support the teachers. Vi Nguyen- Runs 1:27

ARTS AND CULTURE- MUSIC PATHWAYS- CHICAGO - 4PM PKG

Music pathways Initiative is a program aimed at getting kids of all ages and background involved in music. 17-year-old Kailie Holliday, a cellist says the mentoring program made her a better musician. Adrian Thompson runs the program and says playing an instrument with others is an emotional experience. Lee Ann Trotter- Runs 1:58

DIVERSITY – HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE- SKOKIE – PKG

Today is International Holocaust Remembrance Day and one survivor telling us how she and her mother and sisters survived it. On this day, the museum curator reminds us that the modern discrimination is still among us and points to one of the t-shirts worn by a protester at the capitol. Patrick Fazio- Runs 1:59

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

EDUCATION- CPS VS OTHER CITY SCHOOLS – HOUSTON/PHILADELPHIA/CHICAGO –4PM PKG

How do Chicago Public Schools compare to other major cities when it comes to in-class learning? Houston says parents have option for remote or in person, and 44 percent are in-person. Philadelphia announced a hybrid model earlier this week with plans to bring more students in mid-February. Chicago teachers are telling the city they won't return until they get vaccines. Ci Nguyen- Runs 2:45

HEALTH- TEACHERS AND VACCINES- CHICAGO- PKG

Illinois health chiefs Dr. Ezike, and Dr. Arwady answered questions about giving teachers vaccines before others receive them. Dr. Arwady says it would take all the vaccines they have, and it would be nearly 5 weeks before more vaccines would be available for the rest of the at-risk population. Mary Ann Ahern- runs 2:09

ACCIDENT- FATAL FIRE FOLLOW- DES PLAINES- 4PM PKG- The Des Plaines Fire Department has determined a faulty space heater fire trapped a mother and her four children in a fatal house fire Wednesday.

The fire started at the top of the stairs, the only entry and exit for the victims. There were also no smoke detectors on the second floor and there is currently an active code enforcement case pending against the owner of the apartment building. Patrick Fazio- Runs 2:19

ARTS AND CULTURE- VAN GOGH EXPERIENCE EXHIBIT- CHICAGO-11AM VOSOT-

Tickets for the immersive Van Gogh Exhibit which opens in February is already sold out until April. The producer of the exhibit showed us how using visuals on the ceilings walls and floor allow participants to be a part of the experience. And in this Covid – 19 pandemic, all visitors will be wearing a mask, and standing six feet apart on assigned circles set up on the floor, this international exhibit has gotten rave reviews in Paris. Kye Martin- Runs 2:12

NBC5 RESPONDS- PARKING TICKETS/CONTRACTORS- CHICAGO- 10PM PKG

Contractors in Chicago are getting tickets for parking in areas that don't have warning signs. Several contractors spoke to us and claimed they did not know they needed a special placard displayed in their window to allow them to park in certain areas. So, they ended up with expensive tickets. Our

investigation shows Chicago handed out more than 21,800 placard violation tickets over the past 18 months- bringing in 1.6 million dollars to the city coffers. The city says the placard requirement is on their website, but few contractors visit it. Lisa Parker-Runs 3:40

NBC 5 INVESTIGATIONS CRIME- MAN LIVING IN AIRPORT-O'HARE- 6PM PKG - NBC5 Investigates has received documents and video showing that the man found living in O'Hare Airport for 3 months was found with 50 keys on him. 36-year-old Aditya Singh told police he found keys in the bathroom. Police say Singh was impersonating a worker and had a lost TSA identification on him when they arrested him. He is currently out on bond, living in a homeless shelter and has a court hearing March 2nd. Phil Rogers – Runs 2:50

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021

HEALTH- MOVIE THEATRES OPEN- CHICAGO- It's opening night for AMC theatres after being closed because of Covid-19. The reopening means movie fans will have two empty seats between each person, everyone wears masks and cleaning in the lobby and bathrooms. Moviegoers say they've been waiting for a while for tonight and there's no substitute for seeing a film on the big screen, some smaller theatres aren't open yet, but giving out candy, popcorn and puzzles, Natalie Martinez- Runs 1:44

EDUCATION – POSSIBLE SCHOOL STRIKE – 10VOSOT- Mayor Lightfoot announced both Chicago Public Schools and the teachers' union are far apart after a day of negotiations and that there may not be school on Monday. Runs :45

RECREATION- FUN IN THE SNOW- OLYMPIA FIELDS- 4PM PKG –A family enjoys the outdoors at Iron Oaks Forest Preserve in the South Suburbs. In the Covid -19 pandemic, many people are staying inside, but one family shows us a beautiful winter wonderland that is free for residents during the winter. Lee Ann Trotter- Runs 1:33

NBC5 INVESTIGATES- CAPITOL RIOT COUPLE CHARGED- QUINCY ILLINOIS /WASHINGTON D.C.- 6PM PKG A couple for Illinois is the latest to be charged in the Capitol riots. Court documents show the Gerding from Quincy were identifying with Q- Anon groups and that Jason Gerding was the proprietor of a Q-Anon affiliated twitter account. The court documents also state Jason and Christina Gerding traveling to Washington DC and breaching the U.S. Capitol building as part of the January 6 insurrection. Phil Rogers- Runs 2:43

MONDAY FEB 1, 2021

EDUCATION- CPS/CTU STALEMATE- CHICAGO- 6PM/10PM PKG

Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Teachers Union avoid a lockout, but still have not come to an agreement to return to in-person learning. Both sides agreed to continue remote learning Tuesday and Wednesday in hopes of reaching a deal. Although Chicago Public Schools says they've made progress on several fronts, they still haven't come to an agreement on teachers' vaccinations and returning to classes. Parents are split on supporting their teachers and wanting their kids back in schools. Mary Ann Ahern/ Natalie Martinez- Runs 4:48

SPORTS/CRIME- CHEERLEADER HARRASSMENT LAWSUIT- EVANSTON- 10P PKG

A cheerleader and student at Northwestern has filed a harassment lawsuit against her coach and Northwestern University. Hayden Richardson says she was groped by drunken fans and alumni at school sanctioned events, and she says the university tried to cover up her complaints.

She says cheerleaders were forced to mix with tailgaters for pictures where she was groped. Her coach is no longer at the school, and the school says they investigated her allegations. Regina Waldroup Runs 1:47

CRIME- CARJACKINGS- CHICAGO – 10PM PKG

Crime statistics released tonight show numbers of homicides joined to a four-year high and while robbery and burglary statistics show a decrease, the carjackings in the city skyrocketed. Tonight, a town meeting with police and the state's attorney says the average age of suspects was 15- 20 years old. Foxx says she brings charges to 80 percent of juvenile cases, and 90 percent of adult cases but it's up to the judge to sentence the suspects.

Murders also in January jumped to 51 vs 35 last year. Alex Maragos 2:25

DIVERSTIY-ART/CULTURE- SECOND CITY SERIES – CHICAGO- 6PM

Several alumnae of Second City have kicked off a three-part series which parodies the local news. They are taking the news and making fun of it, and bringing the black point of view, framing it racially and satirically.

Second City committed to a more inclusive environment, after their long-time co-owner and producer resigned over allegations of racism. It debuts Thursday. LeeAnn Trotter- Runs 1:58

TUESDAY , FEBRUARY 2, 2021

HEALTH – NEW COVID 19 VACCINE APPOINTMENTS- 6 VOSOT -

Chicago announced they are adding an appointment company to help sign up people for vaccines. The company is called ZocDoc and was added because of many complaints and confusion about getting signed up for the vaccines. Chicago's Health Director acknowledged the problems residents were having and said this system will make it easier. She also said the city is expecting thousands of more doses next week Runs 1:04

SAFETY –ICE DANGERS- CHICAGO-10PM PKG

A Chicago man recalls almost falling into Lake Michigan because he mistook the ice that he was walking on as part of the beach and not the lake. Now Johnny Jacobson says he is on a mission to warn others of the dangers of walking on the ice. Regina Waldroup- Runs 1:46

ECONOMY- COOK COUNTY COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS LIFTING- LAGRANGE/ OAK LAWN – 430PM PKG

Several Chicago suburbs move to Phase 4 mitigations today, allowing restaurants to loosen restrictions. According to the health department, Cook County suburbs outside of Chicago have met the metrics to move to less restrictive rules. This new announcement is essential for some restaurants and bars to stay open. Kate Chappell- Runs 2:03

WEATHER- ICE DAMS HOME DAMAGE- WHEATON- 4:30PM PKG –

If your roof is covered in snow, and you don't take steps to remove it, you may face very costly repair bills . The key is getting the snow off before it freezes and turns into an ice dam. Using a snow rake is the most helpful for getting the snow off the roof, but experts say never get onto the roof , where you may risk falling off. Chris Coffey- Runs 1:44

ARTS/CULTURE-FLORIDA/ILLINOIS- 5PM PKG

A former Chicago DJ is now living in Florida and New York after spending forty years on the radio with Jazz.

Mark Ruffin calls his latest job, host of Real Jazz his dream but misses his hometown Chicago. He learned about music hanging out at his father's record store , learned about electronics and music and became a well-known entertainer over the years and now is completing his work journey hosting a radio station. He even wrote a book about jazz for children. LeeAnn Trotter-Runs 2:45

WEDESDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2021

TECHNOLOGY – CARKJACKING TECHNOLOGY- CHICAGO- 4PM PKG

OnStar technology is usually known for helping drivers send for police or ambulances after an accident. But now it's working with police to help stop carjackers. The company says they can help slow a car down. All they require to have officer in the area and confirm they have the car in sight.

OnStar can slow the car down to 3- 5 miles an hour. Charlie Wojciechowski- runs 2:20

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- POVERTY/CHARITY- PROJECT FRIDGE- CHICAGO- 5PM PKG

A Navy veteran , Dion Dawson has made it his mission to help people in Englewood fight poverty and hunger . He has set up Dream Fridges stacked with Fruits and Vegies on the streets of the Englewood neighborhood. Residents share their gratitude for his generosity. LeeAnn Trotter- Runs 1;50

LAW ENFORCEMENT – CRIME CRACKDOWN - AURORA- 5PM PKG

The west side suburb of Aurora is seeing a spike in violent crime, with officials reporting a 40 percent jump in shootings from 2019 to 2020. The mayor and police announced some solutions including a push to remove guns off the streets and engaging in community outreach. Police blame the pandemic, job loss, political divisiveness. Aggravated assault and battery rose forty percent, and eight out of the 11 homicides were gang related. Chris Coffey – Runs 1:52

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- CRIME- MISSING FLUTE FOUND- CHICAGO-10 PKG

A musician from Boston visiting Chicago left his flute on the Blue Line CTA train on his way to the airport. He searched high and wide for the flute using social media to get the word out. After turning up empty he returned home, only to hear his flute had been found at a pawn shop. Today , the police presented the flute to the musician in Chicago.

Police say the person or persons who took the flute and tried to pawn it were homeless. Charlie Wojciechowski- Runs 2:05

NBC INVESTIGATES- MISSING POSTAL WORKER/PICTURES- CHICAGO- 10PM PKG

The mother of the postal worker Kierra Coles is grieving two years after her daughter disappeared. Karen Phillips say the video playing nationwide of her daughter last seen is not her daughter. Phillips also say a neighbor near that scene told her the police have video of Kierra taking 400 dollars out of an ATM that night and giving it to her boyfriend. Police declined to confirm the information. Rob Stafford- Runs 4:16

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2021

CBH- BLACK HERITAGE MONTH- LITTLE BLACK BOUTIQUE- CHICAGO/ HAZELCREST 6PM PKG

The Little Black Boutique Guide Book, created by Melody Boykin, book is being released Friday online , promoting awareness of black businesses in Chicago. This is the modern- day version of the Little Green Book, that came out in the 30's was designed to help African Americans travel through Jim Crow -era America. One of the boutiques in the book is in the south suburbs and the owner says how important it is to have small businesses recognized in the Black community. Vi Nguyen – Runs 2:39

RACE IN CHICAGO - HEALTH—ORGAN DONATIONS- 4PM

Research shows Black people are more likely to need organs, especially kidneys, but less likely to donate

One woman who battled kidney disease since she was 14. -She received a kidney transplant in July 2020. There are only 16 African American transplant surgeons in the country.

A book on transplants in the United States found the first medical schools robbed Black grave sites for cadavers.

Lauren Petty- Runs 4:06

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- FILL HEARTS FOR KIDS- LAKE FOREST- 5PM PKG –

Ann's Fill A Heart for Kids is a program in which the proceeds of gift bags go to homeless and teens in foster care. This week, they are collecting 2,000 bags for kids . The sweet giftbags include coloring books, colored pencils, toiletries, school supplies, candy and other treats.

LeeAnn Trotter- Runs 1:54

EDUCATION- CPS/CTU NEGOTIATIONS- - CHICAGO – 5PMPKG

It looks like Chicago Public Schools are at an impasse with the Chicago Teachers Union.

Although some inroads have been made, sticking points include vaccinations for teachers . refusal to use CDC health metrics, and remote teaching.

Today Mayor Lightfoot says she's at the end of the runway for negotiations. Chicago Teachers union says they are close to an agreement, but not there now. Alison Rosati - Runs 1:49

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

EDUCATION- CPS/CTU NEGOTIATIONS- CHICAGO – PKG

Mayor Lightfoot says they will continue to negotiation in hopes of returning students to classrooms. Last night, the city sent what they called their last and final offer to the Chicago Teachers Union.

Stacy Davis Gates with the union says it's not enough. One of the sticking points is the union's vaccination plan. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:20

WEATHER- FRIGID WEATHER WARNINGS- CHICAGO/BROOKFIELD- 6PM/10PM PKG

The National Weather Service is warning Illinois residents of frigid temperatures this weekend. A beverage truck driver who must work says he will brave the temperatures, Those who work outside are prepared for the sub-zero temperatures. – Lexi Sutter-/ Chris Coffey- Runs 3:43

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- ARTS/CULTURE- KEYBOARD DONATIONS- CHICAGO – 4PM PKG

An alumni of a Chicago high school has donated at least 153 keyboards for piano students to aid in learning amid the Pandemic. 30-thousand dollars was donated for keyboard at the Kenwood Academy.

Students were able to pick up their equipment today. Lee Ann Trotter- Runs 1:55

NBC5 RESPONDS CONSUMER- PHONE BILLS- CICERO/BERWYN 4:30PM

A local Chicago area daycare center receives a whopping phone bill. In December, they got a 28,000-dollar bill for one month compared to the Children's Center's usual 1900-dollar monthly bill. The carrier didn't alert them when their business contract lapsed, and a temporary one charged them the thousands of dollars.

AT&T decided to cut off their service in January. Multiple emails to return the service were sent to AT&T. But after AT&T finally restored the service after NBC5 Responds got involved. Lisa Parker – Runs 4:19

MONDAY , FEBRUARY 8, 2021

EDUCATION/ LABOR- UNION – IN CLASS LEARNING VOTE- 10PM PKG

The Chicago Teachers Union will vote on Tuesday whether to resume in-class learning, under the tentative agreement between the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Teachers' Union

The CTU House of Delegates voted overwhelmingly to send the agreement to the full union with results expected by Wednesday. Chicago Public Schools offered a phased-in program for students to have in person learning. Natalie Martinez- Runs 1:56

LAW ENFORCEMENT- CPD CONSENT DECREE UPDATE- CHICAGO – 4:30PM PKG

The Chicago Police Department released their 172-page report on how they are working with the city's Consent Decree agreement. They say they've made real progress since the decree agreement was made three years ago.

But the American Civil Liberties Union says it's not near enough and the report is basically a publicity stunt. Charlie Wojciechowski – Runs 1:59

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- HELPING SENIORS- ST.JOHN INDIANA- 6PMPKG

An elderly couple is thanking a caring UPS driver who helped them get to their home on a slippery winter day. The Kollmars say they were walking from the street to their home and

their driveway was so slippery they couldn't make it up to the front door. They needed help getting up, UPS driver Eddie DeLuna saw them , asked if they needed help and assisted them to their front door. They were so grateful; they posted a note on social media and called the driver their angel. Today the driver says he helped them because he would hope someone would help his parents if they were in the same position. Chris Coffey- Runs 1:45

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

POLITICS- IMPEACHMENT – WASHINGTON DC- 10PM PKG

Today the Senate voted to impeach a president who no longer holds the office is constitutional. The managers presented their case and President Trump's attorneys presented their side.

The President was invited to testify at the trial, but his attorneys declined. President Trump has been impeached for incitement of insurrection. Alex Maragos- Runs 2:57

HEALTH- COVID 19 VACCINES- CHICAGO –4PM PKG

Chicago's chief health Commissioner says some people are trying to game the system to get vaccines before others who need it more. In fact, some residents are heading to Indiana to get their shots. . Kate Chappell- Runs 1:45

CRIME- PRISONER TO BE RELEASED EARLY- KANE COUNTY- 10PM PKG

A suburban mom is devastated after learning the man convicted for killing her 20-month-old will be released from prison early. Cayce Williams of Elgin pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting and murdering toddler Quortney Kley. Now her mother is outraged to hear the convicted killer is getting out early, and on the anniversary of her daughter's death. Williams was sentenced to 48 years in 2006 but was required to only serve half his sentence due to the truth in sentencing law. Williams expected to be released February 25th. Regina Waldroup- Runs 2:11

HEALTH- VACCINES- DUPAGE COUNTY- 5PM PKG

DuPage County aims to deliver 5-thousand vaccines a week , depending on how many vaccines received. Residents have spent hours on websites trying to find a place they can get a vaccine. The county fairgrounds is transforming its fairgrounds into a vaccine clinic. It's by appointment only. Chris Coffey- Runs 1:51

DIVERSITY- HAROLD 83 BREW- CHICAGO – 5PM PKG

South side brewers have created a new beer named after for Chicago Mayor Harold Washington. It's called Harold 83 Honey Ale and it's kicking off sales today. The creators wanted to pay honor to the city's first Black mayor and the honey flavor is from honey made here in Chicago. They felt like they wanted to use the beer to show diversity in the craft beer industry. An expert in Texas says marketing is partly to blame for black brewers being left out of the craft beer industry. Harold 83 is made at Haymarket Brewery a west loop business. Lexi Sutter-Runs 2:54

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

HEALTH- VACCINE ELIGIBILITY – ILLINOIS- 4:30PM PKG VOSOT - The Governor announced expanding the people who would fall under the IB vaccination program. This means people 65 and younger who suffer from cancer, diabetes and obesity and several other diseases can now get their vaccine shots instead of waiting for the next groups to be vaccinated. Runs :40

NBC5 INVESTIGATES- OAK PARK MURDER- ONE YEAR LATER- OAK PARK- 10PM PKG

It's been one year since someone broke into the home of two well-known civil rights attorneys. Police have decided this may not be a random crime and after eliminating their kids as suspects. They are now looking into the cases these two lawyers took and experts say the number of times the victims were stabbed the anger and rage towards the couple. Rob Stafford- Runs 4:02

EDUCATION- CPS REOPENING PLAN- CHICAGO – 10PM PKG – Students will begin returning to in- learning classes . After weeks of negotiations and full remote learning, some students were able to return to classes tomorrow. Parents have mixed feelings about safety issues as Chicago Public School teachers prepare to return to in- person learning. . Natalie Martinez- Runs 1:53

CRIME/POLITICS- TRUMP SECOND IMPEACHMENT TRIAL – WASHINGTON DC- 430PM PKG

New details and new video emerged as the House Prosecutors laid out their case against President Trump for inciting a riot in January. In today's proceedings, the House Managers spent the day giving examples of President Trump moving from an innocent call for a rally to a purposeful call to arms. Some Republicans criticized the House Managers, saying they don't have a case. Mary Ann Ahern – 2:34

THURSDAY , FEBRUARY 11, 2021

POLITICS- IMPEACHEMENT DAY 3- WASHINGTON DC- 10PM PKG

House Managers finished their case today offering a picture of President Trump who not only incited the deadly attack but failed to use his power to stop it. They spent their last hours presenting disturbing video of the insurrection, The House managers also tried to show a pattern of Trump condoning violence, provoking supporters at rallies, including the storming of Michigan capitol last year. The defense attorneys will present their side tomorrow. Stefan Holt-Runs 1:48

SPORTS – WINTER DANCE AND CHEER-CHICAGO – 10pm PKG- The IHSA says athletes can compete now that the metrics have gone down in the state of Illinois. Local dance and cheer athletes at Whitney Young were allowed to resume and they are saying they are ready. Natalie Martinez- Runs 1:54

CULTURE- BLACK HERITAGE LEGAL BOARD GAME-CHICAGO- 5pm PKG

A criminal defense attorney has created a trial board game Trials and Triumph that teaches people about interacting with police.

April Preyar has seen several people of color getting arrested after their confrontations with police. This board game is not replacing “ the talk” that parents give their children , but its more

about interacting with police. There are seven lessons, don't run, reach, run your mouth , or resist. Do refuse all DUI tests and refuse consent of search . Always request a lawyer. Christian Farr- runs 2:26

HEALTH- LAKE MICHIGAN COLD WATER IMMERSION - GLENCOE– 6PMPKG

Vaida Guthmann says she's been training for going into Lake Michigan in the winter and took pictures when she went in. She put in on social media and now her video has gone viral. The Glencoe mother of three says she has been practicing cold water immersion since January and says swimming has changed her life. She stayed immersed for about 3- 5 minutes with the water temperature at 30 degrees and the air temperature was and made her healthier. But she says if you wanted to start doing it, you should be careful about the shocking cold water, and make sure you go when it is safe. The head of a Great Lakes safety group warns people Lake Michigan can be dangerous in any weather. Patrick Fazio- Runs 1:32

CULTURE- ADLER ROVER EXHIBIT- CHICAGO – PKG

Next week the Mars Rover is going to land on Mars. The Adler Planetarium plans to hold a special exhibit about the Mars Perseverance Rover and will also hold events all week to celebrate the landing. It's NASA'S 5th attempt to land on Mars .The main goal of this mission is to search for ancient life. There will be a virtual watch party at the Adler , with experts to share their insight. Lee Ann Trotter- Runs 2:14

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12 , 2021

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- CHARITY- BREW FOR CARJACK VICTIM- PLAINFIELD - 430PM PKG

A brewing company in Aurora has created a beer to honor of Kim Weibring, the woman shot during a carjacking in that the western suburb.

She is currently in rehabilitation after being shot at a local Wendy's restaurant. Dozens showed up in line to pick up the beer and support her. Chris Coffey- Runs- 1:54

ACCIDENT DOUBLE FATAL STEVENSON CRASH- -CHICAGO-4PM PKG

Two people have died after the car they were riding in plunged nearly 50 feet from the highway. The accident happened around 3am, where state police say the car was traveling on the Stevenson Highway at a high rate of speed. The vehicle went through the barrier and hit a light pole below, killing two people and injuring two others .

The car was found sliced into two parts, killing the 27-year-old driver from Chicago and a 22-year-old woman also from Chicago. Patrick Fazio- Runs 1:36

CULTURE- BLACK HERITAGE- MARILLAC ST VINICENT – 4PM PKG

A group of local students is getting creative about learning of their past.

And then taking their information and sharing it with others through song. Students at the Hope Jr. program at Marillac St. Vincent are producing an album for black history month.

Normally they put on a big event this month for Black History month, but because of the pandemic they can't do that. . So, they decided to produce an album instead. LeeAnn Trotter-Runs 1:58

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2021

WEATHER- STORM - EVANSTON/CHICAGO- 10PM PKG- 5PM PKG

A massive storm is expected overnight, and the snow is coming down at a fast rate. In Evanston, the winds whipped off the lake while in Chicago a state trooper was injured in a traffic accident on the slick roads. In Hyde Park, residents spend the evening shoveling and preparing for more to come. Charlie Wojciechowski/Natalie Martinez- Runs 4:07

WEATHER – LAKE-EFFECT SNOW- WHITING - 10PM PKG -

Residents are getting a whopper of a storm coming off Lake Michigan. By 5pm the roads were snow covered and slick. The lake effect snow created messy and miserable commute for drivers . Vi Nguyen- Runs 2:20

HEALTH- EDUCATION- TEACHERS VACCINE- CHICAGO – 4:30PM PKG

Chicago teachers are preparing to get their vaccinations on Thursday. It was part of the Mayor's recent agreement with the teachers. Public school teachers will get more access to vaccine doses with new sites opening around the city, like this one at the Weiss Hospital pool feed. Teachers qualify to get the vaccine, but they are on their own to find a place to get vaccinated. Mary Ann Ahern- 2:16

HEALTH- MENTAL HEALTH/KIDS- Downers Grove/Chicago - 5PM PKG

The pandemic has brought extra stress among children and teens these last 12 months , and doctors are noticing. Parent of one child noticed that she was getting depressed and had difficulty finding a doctor or social worker because they were all booked up. Diane says her mom ended up finding help online and worked with her with the recommended steps. Lauren Petty – Runs 4:27

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

WEATHER- OVERNIGHT STORM- CHICAGO- 4-AM - 6AM – LIVE/VOSOTS-

The city and northwest Indiana received half a dozen inches of snow overnight, mostly due to the lake effect snow. It caused havoc on the roads, with numerous spinouts and accidents and left some commuters stuck at home because the streets were buried in snow. NBC's reporters were across the city showing us the snow-covered roads, while StormRanger 5 traveled the interstates, displaying the dangerous ramps and bridges that IDOT crews tried to plow. But the snow was so fast, that IDOT Crews couldn't keep up . State and county officials called in with updates on the roads, urging the viewers to stay off the road. NBC Staff- 3 Hours

WEATHER – SNOW CLEANUP- CHICAGO –10MPKG

Neighborhoods near Midway got more than 17 inches of snow in the past 24 hours, forcing people to spend the day digging out. On the north side a group of volunteers spent the evening digging out their neighbors and senior citizen's homes. The local Alderman brought together the group to help his ward neighbors who were stranded in their homes because of the snow.

Complete strangers joined the effort on the southside where My Block My City My Hood volunteers took up their shovels to help their city. Alex Maragos/Natalie Martinez- Runs 3:05

WEATHER- TOO MUCH SNOW DUMP- EVANSTON/MORTON GROVE/CHICAGO- 10PM PKG

With too much snow to put on the side safely., many public works departments are finding area parking lots or even the local airport to transport the extra snow and dump. Regina Waldroup – Runs 2:06

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- FEMALE EAGLE SCOUT-GARY-6PMVOSOT –A high school senior in Gary has received the badge of honor becoming the first black female in Northwest Indiana to reach the rank of Eagle Scout. Jackson is among 21 other women across the country to reach scouting’s highest honor. She says she’s blessed and humbled by the honor. 1:00

POLITICS- ADAM KINZINGER/RELATIVES – 5PM PKG

Relatives of Republican Adam Kinzinger , the House Republican who has been very vocal against Donald Trump and voted for his impeachment , wrote a letter disowning him for his stance on the former President. Today the Republican from the south suburbs confirmed the letter contents and said those who wrote the letter held extreme views. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:40

HEALTH- MENTAL HEALTH KIDS/RESOURCES- PALOS HEIGHTS / CHICAGO /WINNETKA - 5PM PKG

It’s been challenging for finding help for children in need of mental health. And even when parents do find resources, getting onto a doctor’s calendar is near impossible. The waiting list for psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers can be up to six months. One parent said she was so desperate , she took her daughter to the emergency room, where her daughter was able to get help immediately. One ER doctor from Lurie’s Children’s Hospital says there need to be more resources. Erica’s Lighthouse is one resource that helps parents deal with kids who may be going with mental health. Lauren Petty- Runs 3::32

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

ACCIDENT- FATAL CANOPY COLLAPSE- CHICAGO - 10PM PKG

A man has died after a canopy collapsed on Chicago’s far southside. The accident happened at an off-track betting parlor at 111th and Corliss. The fire department says an overhang in the rear of the building collapsed, trapping the man under the rubble. Fire officials believe the heavy snow on the canopy caused the accident. One other man in the general vicinity was also injured and taken to the hospital in good condition. Alex Maragos- Runs 1:35

SAFETY- SNOW AND ROOF CONCERNS- SUBURBS/CHICAGO – 10PM PKG

We’ve seen a rash of roof collapses in the suburbs and in the city, due to the large amounts of snow we got this month. The weight of the snow is causing the roofs to collapse. The recent heavy snow has homeowners and businesses concerned. One snow removal company says never got on the roof and try to remove it yourself. The snow could cause you to slip and fall. They also warn the weight of a person can also cause the roof to cave in and

recommend using a roof shovel to remove the snow. They also recommend calling a snow removal or roofing company to get the snow off, and say when the snow melts, it's not a bad idea to get your roof inspected. Lexi Sutter- Runs 1:47

HEALTH-MENTAL HEALTH AND KIDS- 5PM PKG

During this pandemic, doctors are seeing younger children showing signs of distress and anxiety. We spoke to doctors who are seeing children as young as five years old showing symptoms of mental stress. Some of the symptoms that may tip a parent off are more tantrums, tears and trouble sleeping, all signs a child is in distress even though they can't verbalize it yet. Lauren Petty-Runs 3:54

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

HEALTH – VACCINATED STATE TOWN HALL - 6PM LIVE- PKG

State, and city health experts give advice to viewers on the latest on Covid-19 and vaccinations. Viewers sent in questions, and the head of the Illinois Health Department, the head of the Moderna trial in Illinois, and doctors and officials all responded to the questions. Runs – 1 Hour

SAFETY- MAN SURVIVES ACCIDENT- LISLE – 10PM PKG

Kevin Ramos says he's lucky to be alive after his car flipped on the highway and fell onto another ramp below. Ramos says the weather played a part in losing control of his car after hitting black ice, causing it to flip and plummeting below to another highway. Fortunately, no cars were traveling below, and the car landed on its wheels. Lexi Sutter-1:52

POLITICS- MADIGAN RESIGNS- SPRINGFIELD- 5PM PKG- After half a century in politics, the former Speaker of the House Michael Madigan resigns. His announcement comes month after an investigation into a Comed bribery case came to light alleging ties to Madigan. The Speaker of the Illinois House is the longest serving speaker in the country. Madigan resigned his seat, but will still be the head of the state's Democratic Party. They will meet Sunday morning to select a replacement. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:26

HEALTH- STRESS AND TEENS PANDEMIC- ILLINOIS – 5PM PKG

Several teens tell us what stresses them out since this pandemic hit. Forced to stay at home, dealing with less than stellar remote learning methods is causing several teens to isolate. Lack of communication, dropping grades and a decrease in laughter and smiles are all symptoms that can tip a parent off their teens are in distress. Today five high school students share what they want from their teachers and parents during this time. Lauren Petty- Runs 4:16

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021

NBC INVESTIGATES- CRIME- VACATED SENTENCIES- CHICAGO - 6PM PKG

Nine more prisoners were exonerated today as prosecutors agreed the convictions never should have happened . And this means up to 109 cases Involving former Sgt. Ronald Watts and his crew have been overturned . Mayor Lightfoot is being blamed for continuing to pay officers involved. Phil Rogers Runs 2:29

HEALTH- RACIAL GAP= CHICAGO/COOK COUNTY – 6PM PKG

The Mayor of Chicago announced improvement for vaccines getting to people of color communities. County officials say they see a delay in vaccines arriving due to weather in the south and a shortage in vaccines . Regina Waldroup- Runs 1:57

CRIME- UPSKIRT VIDEO- WILL COUNTY – 6pmPM PKG

Police have charged the owner of a pizza this after a lawyer found thousands Of deleted files of up skirt videos . Police say he was arrested last March for having video of up teens skirts. But now a new lawsuit says they found thousands of deleted files from the suspect. The attorneys also say the suspect put tiny cameras on his shoes and approach girls 14 to 16 years old, hug them, rub their backs while recording up their skirts. Charlie Wojciechowski- Runs 1:54

HEALTH – KIDS AND MENTAL HEALTH- GRATITUDE- 5PM PKG

A group to teach kids about meditation and gratitude are helping children during this pandemic. Health officials say teach kids to focus on what they have , not what they don't have . Also, they recommend meditation just for five minutes. One family took a virtual class on yoga and meditation for kids and parents . Aden Taylor is one of the kids that is taking some of the medication classes and his parents say it's helpful. Lauren Petty-Runs- 3:38

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

WEATHER- BUILDING COLLAPSES- CHICAGO/DES PLAINES/NORTHWEST INDIANA - 4:30PM /10PM PKG

As the snow and ice melt in the area, buildings and canopies have collapsed. In Northwest Indiana, a horse barn for disabled children had its roof collapse , due to the heavy snow this weekend.

Fortunately, only two of the eight horses inside the barn suffered minor injuries. In Des Plaines overnight, a gas station canopy collapsed, and a house in Chicago also collapsed on the south side. Chicago Fire Department reports 20- 30 structures have collapsed in the last month. Alex Maragos/Kate Chappell- Runs 4:03

TRANSPORTATION- DEADLY TREND- ILLINOIS- 10PM

With fewer vehicles on the road during this pandemic, the national Safety council reports an increase in fatalities on the road. They say the increase is due to more people speeding and engaging in risky behaviour while on the roads. Over the weekend, four people died on the highway in Rolling Meadows after being hit by a car. Regina Waldroup- Runs 2:03

GOVERNMENT – CRIMINAL REFORM BILL SIGNED- 4PM/10PM - JB Pritzker signed a criminal reform bill which brings sweeping changes to Illinois criminal code. One of the main changes is to eliminate cash bail for non-violent suspects. It becomes the first state in the country to do so. The 750-page bill also calls for all police to have working body cams ,bans chokeholds, and arrestees allowed 3 phone calls instead of one after their arrests It also allows anonymous complaints against police. .Republicans and Illinois sheriff's association call the bill a disaster. Mary Anne Ahern/Christian Farr- Runs 2:18 and 2:07

HEALTH- COVID 19 -DEATHS- WASHINGTON- 10PM PKG- Today , President Biden held a moment of silence after the United States passed the major benchmark of 500,000 deaths from Covid-19 related illnesses. He spoke of grief, and hope with the new vaccines and promised to work day and night to make sure Americans are protected. Stefan Holt- Runs 1:23

TUESDAY , FEBRUARY 23, 2021

ACCIDENT- AWNING COLLAPSE TRAPS WOMAN- SCHILLER PARK- 10PM PKG

A woman was trapped in her garage after an awning collapsed due to the heavy snow and ice . The woman whose daughter didn't want us to identify her was trapped for more than 10 hours underneath the wreckage until her daughter who returned home heard her mother's cries. The fire department who put out video of the collapsed garage shared some tips on how to protect yourself by getting snow and ice off the roofs of homes and garages. Natalie Martinez- Runs 1:55

HEALTH/RECREATION- CHICAGO LAKEFRONT OPENS- CHICAGO-4 PKG

Thanks to the decrease in coronavirus cases, the Mayor and park district has announced that the Chicago Lakefront is now open. The lakefront closed 11 months ago when the city started shutting down businesses and parks because of Covid 19.

Playgrounds and city parks will also begin to slowly reopen around the city , and the Park District will begin registration for spring classes next month. Kate Chappell- Runs 2:34

LAW ENFORCEMENT- IMMIGRATION- WELCOMING CITY CHANGES-5PM PKG- Mayor Lightfoot signed a welcoming ordinance which puts restrictions on Chicago's police ties with Customs and Immigration Enforcement. The restrictions eliminated exceptions to the welcoming city policy, which means that they city doesn't have to share information with ICE officials about immigrants. In the past, Chicago police could help ICE if the names of the immigrants were on the police's gang database, if there was an outstanding warrant , or had been convicted of felony. The new ordinance also prohibits local police or any agency of Chicago in participating in civil immigration enforcement operations. Mary Ann Ahern- 2:10

HEALTH- CHILDREN'S COVID VACCINE- OAK PARK/CHICAGO- 5PM PKG

An Oak Park teenager is taking part in a Covid-19 Vaccine clinical trials. Right now, the vaccines available to Americans have only been tested on adults. This clinical trial expands to children ages 12 to 15. This 15-year-old Sarah Kaufman is part of a Moderna clinical trial in Valparaiso Indiana. She's been in the clinic a week and already received her own shot. She doesn't know if

it's the vaccine or a placebo. Doctors are especially cautious with testing children, so this study is being watched very closely across the country. Vi Nguyen- Runs 2:10

DIVERSITY- EVANSTON REPARATIONS- EVANSTON- 6PM PKG

A look at Evanston's reparation program is taking the next step, looking at how the reparations will be handed out, and who is eligible. The Black residents who get okayed would get 25,000 dollars apiece, they had to have lived in Evanston 1919 and 1969 and it would allow two benefits per household.

The plan is to give 25,000 dollars per eligible person for housing. One man, Dino Robinson is responsible to do the background checks on the applicants. Christian Farr-Runs 1:58

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2021

HEALTH- PHASE 1B EXANSION- ILLINOIS- 10PM PKG

Tomorrow, the State of Illinois goes into an expanded vaccine level, allowing people under 65 with medical conditions to get their vaccines. But several county and city health departments are saying they are not moving into Phase IB Plus because they don't have enough doses for the regular Phase 1B, much less the expanded program. Part of the issue is that the weather nationwide delayed the delivery of vaccines to many states. Lexi Sutter – Runs 2:30

CRIME – MISSING MAN – OAK FOREST/ CHICAGO- 10PM PKG

Friends and family members of Lane Campbell are asking for help after he suddenly is missing. Lane was last seen last Friday with his girlfriend. He's an attorney who specialized in contract law. Family and Friends say it's bizarre and so unlike him to suddenly disappear.

Natalie Martinez- Runs 2:23

POLITICS- MADIGAN REPLACEMENT RESIGNS- CHICAGO- 6PM PKG

Three days after being tapped to replace Michael Madigan's seat on Chicago's Southwest Side, Edwardo Kardott has resigned from the seat. It's not known why he suddenly resigned but it came after the suggestion from Madigan himself.

Michael Madigan, the longest serving Speaker of the House in Illinois stepped down this month from his post. Thursday Democrats will meet to tap a new replacement. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:36

RELIGION- ST. SABINA DEMONSTRATION- CHICAGO- 430PM PKG

Parishioners and supporters of Father Pflieger, who was told to step aside during a sexual abuse claim is investigated, gathered at Holy Name Cathedral calling for the Cardinal to finish the investigation. It's been seven weeks since Pflieger stepped aside for the investigation and tonight he put out a statement saying he appreciated the support. Charlie Wojciechowski- Runs 2:36

DIVERSITY/POLITICS- LYNWOOD ELECTS FIRST BLACK MAYOR – LYNWOOD –5pm PKG

The town of Lynwood has elected their first black female Mayor in their town's history. Jada Curry won the election yesterday and she feels gratitude to the voters for putting their trust in her.

She plans to concentrate on economic development issues during her upcoming term. Vi Nguyen- Runs 1:40

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

NBC 5 INVESTIGATES- CRIME- EXPRESSWAY SHOOTINGS- ILLINOIS- 6PM PKG

Since January of 2021 , Illinois police have reported 38 expressway shootings in the Chicago area . That's triple from the numbers the same area had last year and 2020 was a record year for Chicago. And state police officials say this is not a nationwide problem but concentrated only in the Chicago area. Phil Rogers 2:36

POLITICS- MADIGAN REPLACEMENT- CHICAGO- 430PMPKG-

Today for the second time in less than a week, the state's Democratic Party picked a replacement to Michael Madigan's seat on the southwest side of Chicago. That's because their first pick resigned days after being tapped after it was suggested he step down for questionable conduct. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:09

HEALTH- UNITED CENTER VACCINE SITE- CHICAGO- 4PMpmPKG

The United Center will become a mass vaccination site next month where FEMA and the Department of Defense have plans to distribute the vaccine. The vaccination site would be outside the United Center stadium which hosts the Bulls and Blackhawks games. The Mayor and city and state health officials are expected to make the official announcement on Friday. Mary Anne Ahern- Runs 2:30

DIVERSITY- LGBTQ FIGHT- WASHINGTON DC/ CHICAGO –5PMPKG

Representative Marie Newman put a Transgender flag outside her office to show support for her daughter who is transgender, as well as the Equality Act which passed the House. Republican Taylor Greene who's office sits across from Newman posted a sign saying there are only two genders – male and female . Green who has already been stripped of her committees for other controversial statements and tweets also stated disparaging remarks about the transgender community and Newman's daughter. Vi Nguyen - Runs 2:09

CULTURE/BUSINESS- -BLACK HERITAGE MONTH- COFFEE SHOP/INCUBATOR- CHICAGO- 5PMPKG

Overflow coffee serves as a place to get coffee and workspace for Black, Latino and women entrepreneurs looking to make their way in the business world. And it starts with supporting Black businesses . Entrenuity is based in the south loop neighborhood and has coffee shop on the first floor and on the second floor is office space. The company trains and connects urban youth and adult with business tools. The building itself has a history helping minorities it used to be a black record company. And the furniture inside the workspace is from black owned stores. Natalie- Martinez- Runs 2:54

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021

ECONOMY- RESTAURANT CHALLENGE- LIBERTYVILLE- PKG

Seven towns in northern Illinois are all part of a restaurant rally and for the next several days diners in places like Antioch, Long Grove and Lincolnshire are being asked to support it. The rally is asking diners to eat at local spots , and one northern suburban restaurant owner says the competition keeps the restaurant open.

The challenge runs through March 7. Kye Martin- Runs 1:25

HEALTH – UNITED CENTER VACCINE- CHICAGO- 5PM PKG

City state and Federal officials announce the United Center will become a mass vaccination site. It's going to involve FEMA and the National Guard troops and officials hope to vaccine 6 thousand people a day focusing on the most vulnerable first. Today workers spent the day building vaccination tents and it's expected to open March 10th. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 1:56

ENVIRONMENT- HOUSING/LEAD- EAST CHICAGO -5PM PKG

A new environmental report has come out blasting HUD and other agencies for not enforcing environmental regulations.

Lead has been found in the of the West Calumet Complex in East Chicago Indiana. The area was tapped as a superfund location, but people in the area started getting sick . Demolition of the site took place in 2019 after one of the apartments was deemed uninhabitable in 2016.

Children living there had 3 times the lead contamination in their blood as kids living elsewhere. Regina Waldroup- Runs 1:44

CULTURE- BLACK HERITAGE MONTH- TUSKEGEE AIR PILOT PROGRAM- PKG

The Tuskegee Pilot program has kicked off a new program called Tuskegee Next. It's based out of Alabama and invests 30,000 dollars for each student for room and board, and flight training. So far 38 pilots and 43 kids have gone through the program. One of them Farilyn Hurt trained in the program and is now a student at MTSU. Phil Rogers- Runs 2:39

MARCH 1, 2021

HEALTH- JOHNSON AND JOHNSON VACCINATION- ILLINOIS- 10PM PKG

Today Johnson and Johnson rolled out their new Covid 19 vaccination and health officials expect it to be available in Illinois by Wednesday. This third Covid 19 vaccine available in the United States does not have the same restrictions that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. It does not need two shots and it can be in a regular refrigerator instead of a special cold storage unit. It has less efficacy than the other two vaccines, but is 100 percent preventive for Covid 19 death. Lauren Petty- Runs 2:11

SAFETY- FIRE STATION CLOSURE- GLENVIEW- 10PM PKG

The Village of Glenview wants to close one of its three fire stations and combine the equipment and staff with the other station.

But neighbors of the station that would close says it's a life or death issue and having a station so close means they feel confident they have a safety net. The village is expected to vote on the

issue in April, but a rally to support the station is scheduled for this weekend. Chris Coffey -
Runs 1:35

GOVERNMENT- SPEED CAMERAS/TICKETS- CHICAGO- 430PM PKG

Today is the deadline to begin issuing speeding tickets to anyone driving 6 miles over the speed limit. A ticket will cost you 35 dollars if you drive six – nine miles over the limit. But it jumps to 100 dollars if you speed 11 miles over the limit. Some are calling it a money grab, but the city says it's about safety. They say less people on the road because of the pandemic, people are speeding more often Christian Farr . Runs 2:07

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- WALLET RETURNED-CHICAGO/INDIANA – 430PM PKG –

A Chicago police officer, Jim Buckley drove hundreds of miles to return a wallet that was on the street next to his car. The wallet belonged to a coach in Hammond John Barron who was in Chicago for a weekend. Today he shares how grateful he was, and the officer explains how he found the wallet coming out of training school. Kate Chappell- Runs 1:47

CHARITY – RUN AROUND LAKE MICHIGAN -CHICAGO- PKG

A Chicago man Lee Thornquist is planning a 1,100-Mile Run Around Lake Michigan For Alzheimer's Research. He will run an average of 30 or more miles per day and run through unpredictable weather conditions. It's all in honor of his grandmother who battled dementia and Alzheimer's for 13 years. He leaves Sunday . Lauren Petty- Runs 3:30

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

HEALTH-VACCINATION SITES- CHICAGO- PKG

Today Chicago's Dr. Arwady, the city's health chief spoke to us about the United Center vaccination site which opens next week. Appointments for the phase 1B will begin to be accepted on Thursday and tents are already up in the parking lot. Officials believe they will give out 6000 doses a day. The Mayor says people will receive the Pfizer vaccine at the United Center and are asking the city for an all call to seniors to schedule an appointment and come get their shots.

Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:00

ECONOMY- RESTRICTIONS EASING – CHICAGO- 5PM PKG

The mayor announced she is easing restrictions for bars and restaurants immediately, raising the crowd amount to 50 percent. Liquor stores can stay open until 11pm and indoor fitness center class sizes can rise to 20 people per class.

But the Mayor warned people still must wear a mask, wash your hands and stay socially distanced. Charlie Wojciechowski- Runs 1:49

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- TAX HELP – CHICAGO-4pm PKG

With Tax Day six weeks away , a non -profit called Ladder Up helps low income people filing their taxes. There are a few questions people are asking about this year's taxes including the

changes for earned income tax credit and the stimulus check that thousands received this year. But the non-profit is looking for volunteers to help . Lauren Petty- runs 1:55

SPORTS- BASEBALL BACK-CHICAGO- 10PKG

Today the Mayor said they are hopeful to return to stadiums for this season. The Mayor did announce some fans would be allowed to return, but stadiums would not return to full capacity.

Alex Maragos- Runs 1:44

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

HEALTH- MASS VACCINATIONS UPDATE- DES PLAINES/ CHICAGO- PKG

Cook County unveiled their latest mass vaccination center in Des Plaines where appointments will begin tomorrow, and vaccinations will start as early as Friday or Saturday. They plan on using the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. And the United Center has their tents set up and will begin taking appointments on Thursday, with vaccinations beginning on March 9th . But there was some confusion from text messages about getting these vaccines . Lexi Sutter - Runs 2:13

LAW ENFORCEMENT- WARRANT POLICY CHANGES – CHICAGO 5PM PKG

A no knock search video that went viral led to major changes in the police department when serving a warrant. Anjenette Young, a social worker when police raided her house in what turned out to be the wrong house. In the video , she is seen naked and telling the officers they have the wrong house. This video led to some changes with the police department including having a supervisor check the information before the search warrant is issued , Planning session must also focus on potential vulnerable persons at the location and police must always have a female officer on hand. Some learning about the changes say it doesn't go far enough. Charlie Wojciechowski- Runs 2:00

NBC 5 INVESTIGATIONS- SEWER RESEARCH/COVID-19 – COOK COUNTY- 6PM PKG

The Covid 19 virus transmission has hit local jails hard, so the University of Chicago teamed up with the Cook County Jail to find out why. Phil Rogers tagged along with the U of C scientists who were taking sewer water out of the sewers outside the jail. The sewer water then went back to the lab to be tested for Covid 19.

Phil Rogers – Runs 3:24

CRIME- CARJACKINGS- CHICAGO- 5PM PKG

Chicago has seen more than 350 carjackings in 61 days, officials say .

New video emerged showing a woman running from her car after being carjacked. It's the latest in an epidemic of carjackings in Chicago., there have been 352 carjackings since January 1st to March 2nd of this year.

Local restaurant officials associated with Fulton Market says this is unacceptable, calling for maximum penalties to the suspects. Restaurants are losing business and they point to carjackings as a specific cause.

A meeting is scheduled Monday and the mayor has been invited. Vi Nguyen- Runs 2:01

DIVERSITY- WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH/MSI CEO- CHICAGO – 5PMPKG

The new CEO of the Museum of Science and Industry, Humphrey Chevy is making changes and lifting up girls and women in the process. She is the first Black American to take this job and says anytime she can help bring girls into science at a young age will help everyone in the future. Kye Martin –Runs 2:16

THURSDAY MARCH 4, 2021

POLITICS- ROBIN KELLY ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC CHIEF- CHICAGO – 5PM PKG

Congresswoman Robin Kelly won a slim margin to become the state's new Democratic Leader. She made history by becoming the first Black woman to head the Democratic Party. She plans to give more transparency to the party and wants to attract younger people to the party. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:17

EDUCATION - SCHOOLS REOPEN REPORT- CHICAGO –5PM PKG

Today the Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson opened the schools to the media to show how they've been teaching kids who came back to the classroom this week. She says she's happy with the safety protocols and reopening has met her expectations. Next week students 6th- through 8th graders who opted to return to class will return on Monday. Charlie Wojciechowski- Runs 1:57

HEALTH- UNITED CENTER VACCINES- CHICAGO -CHRIS COFFEY- 4pm pkg

Today was the first day that people could sign up for getting the vaccine at the United Center and over 100 hundred thousand appointments will be available. FEMA is in the process of setting up tents and a drive through location in the parking lot of the United Center. Some people seeing the set up stopped by and asked if they could get vaccinated, but vaccines are only being given to people who signed up for it. One resident says he was having trouble getting through both by phone and online. Chicago's health chief Dr. Arwady says the United Center system will be a big deal for the city but acknowledges there were hiccups in the beginning with people just showing up thinking they can get vaccinated. Chris Coffey- Runs 2;23

ENTERTAINMENT-MSI MARVEL EXHIBIT-CHIAGO – 11AM PKG

The Museum of Science and Industry has a new Marvel superheroes exhibit opening today, that features some of the most popular Marvel heroes' wardrobes, comic books and behind the scenes storyboards. There are over 300 artifacts . The exhibit will run through October 24th. Kye Martin Runs 1:59

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

RACE IN CHICAGO - ENVIRONMENT- AIR QUALITY- CHICAGO – 5PM PKG Chris Coffey -

Depending on where you live can tell you how good your health will be. A look at which neighborhoods have the highest pollution and a new report shows Pilsen, Little Village McKinley Park and the South East neighborhoods have the highest levels pf air pollution. They also have the highest levels of asthma . NBC5 Investigates shows how the move

of General Iron from Lincoln Yards to the South side neighborhoods has residents angry , leading to weekly protests including a hunger strike. Chris Coffey – Runs 3:56

CRIME - FATAL SHOOTING- ILLINOIS-4PM PKG

Another shooting on an Illinois highway proved fatal this morning. This latest shooting occurred on interstate I-57 near 1119th The police say two vehicles carrying a total of four people were hit with gunfire . The vehicles ended In the 22nd police district. There have been 42 expressway shootings this year , compared to 13 last year in Cook County. . Patrick Fazio- Runs 1:40

TOURISM-CONVENTIONS- CHICAGO – PKG

Today Governor Pritzker hinted that conventions may be returning to the city. He spoke of concerns of the union and the fact that conventions are going to other states like Nevada and Florida. We may be able to see the Auto show come back to the McCormick Place by mid-summer. Charlie Wojciechowski- runs 1:30

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

HEALTH- UNITED CENTER- CHICAGO- 10PM /4:30PM PKG-

Chicago's Mayor and health commissioner outlined how FEMA officials and ZocDoc are preparing for tomorrow's opening day for giving out vaccinations. Over the weekend there were last minute changes to only allow Chicago residents to receive vaccinations, causing some patients to be cancelled last minute and causing confusion on how the process will work. The Mayor says Chicagoans will be vaccinated first and then people outside the county. Chris Hush/Natalie Martinez- Runs 3:46

SPORTS / HEALTH- COVID 19- Baseball- CHICAGO- 6PM PKG

The Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Cubs have been given the green light to allow fans into the stands starting at opening day. Each stadium will allow 20 percent of the stadium to be filled with fans, and each club will decide how they will choose who is allowed in. Fans we spoke to are very excited , thinking this is another path toward getting to the new normal. Patrick Fazio- Runs 2:27

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- HEALTH- MAN RECOUNTS COVID 19- AURORA /ST. CHARLES – 5PM PKG

One year ago this week , a suburban man was identified as the first Covid Patient at Loyola Hospital. Ted Roberts was coming back from the east coast . After feeling worse, he went to Loyola hospital and was put on a ventilator for a week. And it was there they said gather the family . But a year later he and his wife talk about how grateful they .Lauren Petty – Runs 2:10

ART/CULTURE- MCA WOMEN EXHIBIT-WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH- 5PM PKG

The Museum of Contemporary Art has launched an art initiative , giving artists who haven't gotten opportunities in the past a chance to exhibit their work. The exhibit honors women as part of Women's History Month. Lee Ann Trotter= Runs 2:05

RELIGION- CUPICH ON PFLEGER-4PM PM PKG

Cardinal Cupich is speaking out on several issues this morning including supporting the use of the vaccine but also the latest on the Father Pflieger investigation. Last week another man came forward saying Fr. Pflieger abused him in the 70's. Cardinal Cupich confirmed the investigation is ongoing and didn't give a timeline yet as to when the report will be complete. Mary Ann Ahern 2:30

TUESDAY , MARCH 9, 2021

HEALTH – UNITED VACCINATIONS- CHICAGO – 4PM PKG

Long lines greeted health officials for the first day of the mass vaccination site at the United Center. Patients had to wait an extra hour as the system got started. There was some confusion earlier this week about who can get doses focusing only on Chicagoans and cancelling anyone in the suburbs. Officials say they have 50,00 appointments opened to the public, walking back their first prediction of 110 thousand patients that will be helped. The Mayor blamed the number changes on the lack of doses . Patrick Fazio- 2:10

GOVERNMENT/GUNS- CONCEAL CARRY LAWSUIT- ILLINOIS- 4PM

The Illinois Rifle association is filing a lawsuit against the Illinois State police and the Government saying concealed carry FOID cards are taking 3 times the time to process for gun enthusiasts.

A gun range owner says he's hearing complaints from customers frustrated about the delays. One man says he's been waiting for months for his FOID card and wants a concealed permit. The State police says it doesn't comment on pending litigation. Chris Coffey- Runs 2:00

RACE IN CHICAGO- ELMHURST ART /HOUSING – ELMHURST- 4PM PKG

A new exhibit at the west suburban museum is called the Chicago Freedom Movement and the fight for fair housing., It features pictures from an Elmhurst photographer Bernard Kelina that show Martin Luther King in Chicago and the housing crisis.

The museum also includes recent pictures from the summer protests last year in Chicago . The Museum curator says the exhibit hopes to remind people we still have a long way to go until we achieve what Dr. King and others fought for, equality. Lee Ann Trotter- Runs 1:43

TRANSPORTATION- IKE PANDEMIC STUDY- CHICAGO/WESTERN SUBURBS – PKG

A new study says the Coronavirus pandemic lifestyle shows that traffic decreased 44 percent . But Chicago still rated the 3rd most congested traffic city behind NYC and Philadelphia . That means Chicago has lost 86 hours last year sitting in traffic and the worst road in Chicago – The Eisenhower that comes in from the western suburbs. Kye Martin Runs 1:24

EDUCATION- IDOE IN LEARNING CLASS-ILLINOIS- 10PM PKG

The Illinois Department of Education announced New guidance for in-person learning in Illinois schools amid the pandemic. One of the major changes is allowing students and teachers to be spaced 3- 6 feet apart and urge parents and guardians to conduct health screening at home. Alex Maragos- Runs 1:58

WEDNESDAY , MARCH 10, 2021

GENDER- SHE-SESSION- CHICAGO- 5PM PKG

The Pandemic has hurt female workers getting and or keeping their jobs. Many felt they had to choose between taking care of their children or going to work. Wendy McCullough left her job to take care of her kids, says she feels she must start from the bottom when she returns to work. Economists fear long term effects on the she session, saying they face an uphill battle when they get back to work. Kate Chappell- Runs 3:00

ARTS AND CULTURE- MANDELA EXHIBIT OPENS- SKOKIE - 6pm RUNS-

The Illinois Holocaust Museum has opened a new exhibit on Nelson Mandela. The mission of the holocaust has a broader mission to explore prejudice like apartheid. It features the life and times of the South African President. Lee Ann Trotter Runs 2:16

ECONOMY- RESTARANTS/ CONVENTIONS-BLUE ISLAND/CHICAGO – 4pm PKG

Restaurants are optimistic after hearing about the passage of the Covid 19 bill. The bill which passed the House today is expected to be signed tomorrow by President Biden. Many restaurants struggled to stay open and were forced to lay off some if not most off its staff. Patrick Fazio- 1:48

RACISM- MAYOR VOICE MAILS REACTIUON- MICHIGAN CITY- 10PM PKG

Michigan City's Mayor is under fire after he left a racially charged voice mail to his pastor. The pastor released it to the public and now the Mayor is apologizing for the remarks. Duane Parry called a news conference to apologize but did not take any questions. The council may take a no confidence vote on the matter. Alex Maragos- Runs 1:50

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

BIDEN PLAN- WASHINGTON/ ILLINOIS- 10PM PKG

Tonight, President Biden announced a plan he wanted to have enough vaccine for all American adults by the ned of May. He also spoke about the new rescue plan and how it will lead to getting the country back to schools, work and the new normal. It was Biden's first news conference since his inauguration? Stephan Holt – Runs 1:40

HEALTH- VACCINES-CHICAGO/ MAYWOOD 4PM PKG

The United Center will now only vaccinate persons in five certain zip codes where the city says the need is the greatest. And in Maywood, Cook County officials announced they are setting up vaccine sites starting today to help suburban residents get vaccine .

More than 27,000 COVID vaccine appointments snapped up at United Center and officials want to make sure it's a matter of equity for residence.

RACE IN AMERICA- SPORTS/MASCOTS- 5PM PKG- The issue of using Indians as school sports mascots has been going on for years. In Champaign, Illinois finally dropped their Chief Illiniwek. As part of our Race in Chicago series, Mike Berman looks at the history of mascots used in sports and as he found out ,high schools still use controversial mascots. Mike Berman - Runs 4:25

EDUCATION- SCHOOL CLOSED- KANE COUNTY- 10PM

Kaneland School district 302 in the western suburbs was forced to cancel classes after more than 100 teachers and staff called in sick following their second dose of the Covid 19 vaccine. As of yesterday morning, 45 staff members called in sick but by this am, rose to 125 people. The school district sent a note to parents and a local doctor unrelated to the school or county says they've seen about 20 percent of patients getting mildly sick. Natalie Martinez- 2:06

FRIDAY , MARCH 12, 2021

TOURISM – WENDELLA BOATS – CHICAGO – 4:30PM PKG

The Wendella boats are back on the river starting today giving tours to tourists. One of the first tours returning to the city had 86 people on the boat , very spread out. Wendella cleans the boat before any tourists get onboard and provides safety procedures with temperature checks and social distancing. The Chicago Architecture tour on the boats is the first tour since the Chicago start4d closing everything down due to the Pandemic. Charlie Wojciechowski- Runs 2:06

ECONOMY- OUTDOOR DINING- ARLINGTON HEIGHTS – 11AM PKG

The northwest suburb of Allington Heights has reopened outdoor dining tonight, for the spring summer and fall seasons. They've closed main streets, and set up tables and chairs, allowing people to safely dine outside. Owners of restaurants say it will really help their restaurants and stores on the block say it will entice people to visit. A survey by the village showed that 98 percent of the 6000 respondents loved bringing Arlington Alfresco back. Kye Martin- Runs 2:30

DIVERSITY- HATE CRIMES-CHICAGO- 6PM PKG

Nationally there has been an uptick in hate crimes against Asian Americans and in Chicago's Chinatown, residents there say it's no different.

Illinoi is listed 3rd in the number of reported incidents of anti-Asian harassment. President Biden addressed the issue in his speech Thursday night.

Now local diversity groups are implementing training for people if they witness a hate incident. One coordinate for Asian Americans Advance Justice says the pandemic brought on the harassment, with many blaming China for the cause and spread of the Coronavirus.

Lexi Sutter- Runs 1:30

ST. PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATION- CHICAGO – 6PKG

The City says there will be no drying of the river this St. Patrick's Day, but that bars will be open for celebrations. But the diners must be seated at 50 percent capacity inside restaurant and bars, 6 feet apart, and lines. Enforcement teams will be out Saturday to cite any violators which could cost restaurants and bars between one thousand and ten thousand dollars. Patrick Fazio-Runs 1:40

MONDAY – MARCH 15, 2021

CRIME- LAW ENFORCEMENT- OFFICER SHOT- CHICAGO-5PM/ 10PM PKG

A four year off duty Chicago Police officer was shot in the stomach today while sitting at a stop light. Thanks to three quick thinking officers, they rushed him to the closest hospital where he underwent immediate surgery. He is currently in fair condition.

Police say they are searching local cameras, checking with witnesses and trying to get a description of the shooter Mayor Lightfoot went to visit the officer at the hospital with the Police Superintendent, and she says it's one of the worst times to be a police officer. Natalie Martinez/Kate Chappell – Runs 4:34

NBC 5 RESPONDS- TRAVEL AFTER THE PANDEMIC- 4:30PM PKG –

This week Chicago marks the one-year anniversary since the beginning of the pandemic, when the stay at home order went into effect. One of the first changes that stopped us in our tracks and the economy was travel. From planes, to cruises people globally saw the beginning of what spring break and summer vacation at home would be. Customers flooded NBC 5 Responds with concerns about getting their money back, stranded travellers, and consumer policies on travel. But a year later, we are seeing customers slowly filling the seats again although some borders continue to be closed or restricted to travellers. Lisa Parker – runs 3:29

ECONOMY- GOVERNOR PRITZER REOPENING PLANS- ILLINOIS- PKG

Today the Governor hinted that with the decline in Covid 19 cases Illinois will begin to reopen businesses and schools. But there was no date yet. He spoke about the year as Governor and what it's been like to have to weave through the peak of Covid 19 in this state. The head of the Dept. of public health is warning people not to stop wearing masks and don't let your guard down. Mary Ann Ahern- 2:22

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

SCIENCE/ TECHNOLOGY- MARS TECH- 5PM PKG

A local company is responsible for making robotic arm on the Perseverance Rover on Mars. That arm helps NASA scientists and astronauts drill into the surface. It's developed by Motiv space systems. The big challenge they have is to keep those sample files ultra clean so that they don't collect any molecules or things not related to Mars. Charlie Wojciechowski- Runs 1:52

ENTERTAINMENT - RAVINIA SUMMER CONCERTS- HIGHLAND PARK – 4PM PKG

Today Ravinia CEO announced concerts are coming back this summer in Highland Park. But for fans, it will be decidedly different from the last few years. Gone are the crowded lawn seats. Instead the plans are to have the lawn set up where ticket holders will have spaced out spots to lay their chairs and blankets. Also, all the concerts will take place outside, reduced

capacity. Tickets for the concerts go on sale in a month or so? Fans in Highland Park are very excited.

Christian Farr- Runs 2;27

CRIME-OFFICER SHOT- CHICAGO-6PM PKG

An off-duty Chicago police officer was shot yesterday and continues to recuperate at the hospital. Police today found the suspect's vehicle on the far southside and impounded it. Police have not named the officer yet. -CPD confirms car found on the 9100 block of S Williams. They also released video of two people they believe are involved in the shooting of the off-duty officer. Kate Chappell Runs 2:12

HEALTH – CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS REOPENING- ILLINOIS- 6PM PKG

Chicago's top doctor announced the next step for the vaccination rollout and the Chicago Public Schools announced they will bring high schools back to in person learning next month. But the Chicago Teachers Union says no agreement has been reached. The next rollout for the vaccine will allow those with underlying health conditions and essential workers like restaurant workers, retail workers and personal care workers will be eligible for the vaccines. Mary Ann Ahern-Runs 2: 14

Marilyn Hartman Arrested -CHICAGO- 10PM PKG

Serial stowaway Marilyn Hartman, who has over and over been arrested for trespassing at O'Hare airport, was discovered again Tuesday. She was discovered on the lower level of one of the terminals after the Sheriff's department checked her tracking device. She had been living at a westside facility since her last arrest, but when the staffer there . called for her, there was no answer. The 69 who suffers from mental illness was taken into custody at the airport and has a hearing this week . Natalie Martinez- Runs -2:17

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17, 2021

HEALTH- ILLINOIS VACCINE EXPANSION -ILLINOIS- 5PM PKG / 10PM

Sources tell NBC the Governor will announce that the vaccine eligibility for residents to 16 years and older. He is expected to announce the expansion program this week. And the City of Chicago is expected to begin Phase IC vaccination eligibility March 29th. That expansion is for essential workers which includes restaurant staffers, city workers, journalists hair salon workers .

The health commissioner warned people not to expect to be vaccinated by March 29 , but it's all dependent on when the federal government will give out the vaccines to the state. Patrick Fazio/ Lexi Sutter- Runs 3:25

HEALTH- TRUMP TOWER VACCINATION- CHICAGO 6PM PKG

Loretto Hospital executive Anosh Ahmed, who lives at the Trump Tower had staffers and restaurant workers vaccinated at the tower jumping at the front of the line before others who deserved the vaccine. . Now the Chicago Health Department is investigating saying they were

not part of the group the city allowed to be vaccinated yet. A picture of the Loretto executive and Eric Trump was taken at the vaccination event. , but Eric Trump was not given a vaccine at that event. Ahmed says the picture was meant as a joke. Charlie Runs 1:56

NBC RESPONDS- CONSUMER -ILLINOIS EVICTION MORATORIUM- BARTLETT 10PM PKG
As we come to the one-year anniversary, our NBC Responds looks at the increased tension between renters and landlords because of the pandemic eviction moratorium. The pandemic led to laid off tenants needing protection from eviction. But landlords were also struggling some say they can prove the moratorium abused the system
In Illinois, renters are protected until April 3rd, keeping them from being evicted. But the amount of back rent owed in this country? As high as 57 billion . The federal government has stepped in to help with the newest federal rescue bill signed this month, giving 276 billion dollars for rent relief. Lisa Parker- Runs 3:28

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH - FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS – CHICAGO – 6PM PKG
Female Strong's Young Entrepreneurs Academy gives girls a chance to build a business in 24 weeks and pitch it to professionals for backing. After her husband was gunned down in his loop office , his wife Jody LaVoie has set out to help young entrepreneur especially women. One of the recipients talks about how this program helped her get funding after pitching her story , thanks the academy. Lee Ann Trotter - Runs 2:00

THURSDAY , MARCH 18, 2021

HEALTH- COVID 19 VACCINE EXPANSION- ILLINOIS- 6PKG
The Governor announced today Illinois will expand eligibility in Illinois. It will allow anyone 16 and older to register for vaccines starting April 12., but the City of Chicago will wait until May first because of vaccine availability. The states opening of eligibility means it will go from Phase Four to a bridge before going to Phase Five. Much of the vaccine rollout will be up to counties to set up. – Mary Ann- Runs 2:35

CONSUMER- COVID 19- ONE YEAR LATER- ILLINOIS- 430 PKG – Consumers called NBC Responds 712 to complain about issues and one of the most impacted industry, the restaurant industry. Now one year later and still with some eateries closed, some are taking their battle for survival to the federal court. One restaurant said they took out insurance against emergencies like a pandemic, but the insurance company denied the claim. Now it's heading to court.
Lisa Parker – Runs 3:19

FRIDAY MARCH 19, 2020

GOVERNMENT/HEALTH- LORETTO HOSPITAL SCANDAL – CHICAGO – 10mPKG
The City of Chicago has announced Loretto Hospital will not be vaccinating residents after an investigation into their program. Three different events showed that the hospital vaccinated people not eligible for the vaccine ahead of those that were eligible. The hospital received a

reprimand after admitted to giving vaccines at Trump Tower and an Oak Forest church, where executives lived and were patrons. Dr, Arwady say- Natalie Martinez- Runs 1:57

SPORTS- FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS RETURNS- NILES-10PM PKG

The state of Illinois has opened this week as Friday night High School football returned. It allowed 25 percent of the stadium to be filled with social distancing and mask mandates. This year there will only be six games played , and there will not be a championship season, but coaches and players say it's nice to have a bit of normal after this past year. Vi Nguyen- Runs 1:54

SAFETY- HATE CRIME- ASIAN AMERICANS- CHICAGO- 4:30 PKG

The Asian American community is speaking out after eight people were shot and killed in Atlanta, with most of the victims being Asian women, In Chicago's Chinatown many expressed concern for their safety. Chicago Police issued extra patrols in the area. Christian Farr Runs- 2:03

MONDAY MARCH 22, 2021

DIVERSITY- REPARATIONS- EVANSTON- 10PM PKG- The Evanston council voted eight -1 to allow reparations for African Americans in the City of Evanston;

It's a one-year program where residences would pay 500 a month for housing. The money comes from the profit made from the city's marijuana sales tax. Only one person voted against it and she felt it was better just to give the African Americans cash. This is the nation's first reparations program in the nation. Alex Maragos- Runs 2:19

CRIME-MASS SHOOTING- BOULDER COLORADO- 10PM PKG Ten people were killed a gunman who entered a grocery store and started shooting. One of those victims was a police officer. Police did not release the motive in the case. Regina Waldroup- Runs 1:45

HEALTH- LORETTO HOSPITAL CONTROVERSY- 10PMG

New revelations came out today that a jewelry store on the Gold coast, where Loretto's hospital's CEO shops were given the vaccine, jumping ahead of the line . The Governor and the Mayor spoke against the hospital and doses are being withheld because of their actions. Natalie Martinez – Runs 2:10

CRIME- NAZI SALUTE/ARREST-NEW LENOX- PKG A man who displayed the Nazi salute and shouted white power faces hate crime charges today. The woman leaving Walgreens when the suspect shouted at them. The woman has two African American children who were in the back seat at the time. The woman took a picture of the suspect's license plate when he left and gave it to police, who later arrested the suspect at his home. Chris Coffey-Runs 1:45

TUESDAY , MARCH 23, 2021

CRIME- BOULDER MASS SHOOTING/LOCAL FAMILY- BARRINGTON- 10PM PKG

A Barrington Woman , Jody Waters was one of the victims in the grocery store gunned down Monday afternoon in Boulder. More identifications of the victims were released today, and it included Waters, who worked in the fashion industry with a goal to open her own boutique. She graduated from Barrington HS in 1973 and one of the alumni posted a condolence on Facebook. 2:25pm

Her friends Scott Schaefer and his wife says she was a wonderful mother and grandmother and was high energy and loved dearly.

The police still have not released the motive of the suspect at this time. Alex Maragos – Runs 2:25

HEALTH – INNOVATIVE EXPRESS CARE VACCINES/CPS-CHICAGO- 10PM PKG

The CEO of Innovative Express Care rebutted accusations from Chicago officials that they used vaccines meant for CPS workers and gave them to others . The Chicago Department of Public Health cut off vaccine access and hired a new company to continue vaccinating CPS teachers starting on Thursday.

The Chicago Teachers Union blames the city for the mistake and calls the city’s vaccine rollout a failure. This is at least the fourth incident in which vaccines targets for a certain group were given to others who may have skipped the line. Natalie Martinez- Runs 2.:42

GOVERNMENT/HEALTH - IDOC PRISONER RELEASE LAWSUIT – ILLINOIS- 10PM PKG

Nearly 1000 inmates scheduled to be released in the next nine months could soon be set free. It’s part of a federal lawsuit filed last spring amid the growing Covid 19 health crisis in state lockups.

The settlement calls for the release of low to medium risk inmates who are within the nine-month release date to be let out early.

The Illinois department of Corrections agreed to use their best efforts to process the good time credits for inmates within the next month.

The American Civil Liberties Union and a consortium of lawyers filed the lawsuit and had asked for 13,000 inmates to be released. Regina Waldroup- Runs 1:39

ENTERTAINMENT – SMALL VENUE CONCERTS- REOPENING ISSUES- CHICAGO- 6PM PKG

The owner of two small concert venues say while they welcome the state’s bridge phase to reopen fully, Chicago is always more restrictive when it comes to reopening venues. And the owner of several bar and music venues say they are worried about not getting as much financial relief because they were able to sell merchandise during the shutdown. They both plan to sign up for shuttered venues grants given by the state. Small venue concerts say they expect to hear something this week from the city. LeeAnn Trotter- Runs 2:07

HEALTH- INDIANA MASK MANDATE DROPPED- INDIANA- 6PM PKG

The Governor of Indiana has announced the state will drop the mask mandate starting in early April. But he warns residents and visitors to be careful and still use social distancing, and other healthy habits.

Indiana is one of a few Midwest states that are dropping the mask mandate. Mary Ann Ahern-Runs 2:38

WEDNESDAY , MARCH 24, 2021

HEALTH/VACCINE CONTROVERSIES- CHICAGO- 10PM /6PMPKG

The Chief Operating Officer of Loretto Hospital has resigned following revelations that people not eligible for the vaccine were given them, jumping ahead of others that deserved them. Anosh Ahmed has submitted his resignation after days of revelations of the vaccinations. The latest one came out today, according to a local news source that Loretto Hospital gave workers at a local high-end restaurant received doses from the hospital. All week, new information leaked out of other people who jumped the line, including staff at the Trump Tower. Natalie Martinez- 2:24

ACCIDENT- STREETERVILLE HAZMAT – CHICAGO – 10PM PKG

The Chicago police department, in the process of a death investigation called a hazmat and the bomb squad. They evacuated the building until after 10:30pm. Although the police would not confirm what they found, the bomb squad was escorted by the police department to an open area to securely dispose what they found. Lexi Sutter- Runs 2:19

EDUCATION/HEALTH – COLUMBIA STUDENTS COVID- 19 – CHICAGO- 4PMPKG

Covid 19 will not stop these students at Columbia College from trying to graduate together instead of online., The College announced this spring's graduation will be online again like last year, but this group of students have started a petition and are looking for a sponsor who will rent out a space and allow the in person graduation to continue. Sandra Torres- Runs 2:09

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH- FASHION SHOW- CHICAGO -430PM PKG

As part of celebrating Women's History month, up and coming fashion designers show off their skills at a fashion show. This is the 10th anniversary of Emerge Fashion Show, created by a Chicagoan Dionn Williams. She looks at fashion shows as art on the runway. She worked with other designers to bring the show to New York. Lee Ann Trotter- 1:53

THURSDAY , MARCH 24, 2021

CRIME- STREETERVILLE HAZMAT – CHICAGO – 6PMPKG

New information is coming out for the man who was found dead in a Streeterville apartment. The Superintendent spoke about how police found chemical. Explosives in the apartment and that they are still investigating. Police did say Theodore Hilke was more of a loner and worked at a trading company but only for a year. He graduated with perfect ACT score and went to MIT. Charlie Wojciechowski—Runs 1:59

HEALTH- RESTAURANT AND MEDICAL RECORDS - CHICAGO – PKG

When the city announced they are loosening rules on how many patrons can now eat and drink indoor at bars and restaurants, some wondered how you could tell if someone was vaccinated. Among the ideas was making them show vaccination card before entering. But

owners say they don't want to police the public and don't want to worry someone might have fake documents.

A healthcare lawyer also says forcing someone to prove they've been vaccinated might violate HPPA rules.

Chris Hush- Runs 1:59

LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIME- OFFICER SHOT/SECURITY GUARD SHOT- 6P LIVE

A Security guard was shot at a local Home Depot , after an offender tried to shop lift a machete. The suspect fled , but was later found on east 46th street. It was there that the police officer was shot in the shoulder and returned fire , killing the suspect. Three fellow officers helped save the policeman by putting a tourniquet on him and driving him to the hospital instead of waiting for the ambulance. Natalie Martinez- Runs 1:30

FRIDAY , MARCH 26, 2021

HEALTH- VACCINE ELIGIBILITY EXPANDED-CHICAGO- 6PM PKG

The Governor announced an increase in positive Covid19 cases and hospitalizations. He's calling for all counties with low demand to expand their vaccine eligibility for people 16 and older in Illinois. Meantime, NBC Chicago has confirmed with four sources that Loretto Hospital had a priority list for vaccinations, but the Mayor publicly dodged questions about it. Mary Ann Ahern- -Runs 2:01

ECONOMY-BUSINESSES SLOWLY RETURNING- CHICAGO- 6PM PKG

A local restaurant owner since restrictions were eased , they've seen a 35 percent increase in weddings in an entire year and that business is slowly coming back, People in the events business says the return on business is still slow for 2021, but we may see a better economic boost in 2020. Events planners say any wedding brings more business to the music industry, the food industry and a photography business. These are investments people should be making now for their wedding. Chris Hush- Runs 1:30

SAFETY- GUN VIOLENCE- CHICAGO-6PM PKG- Eight people were shot overnight, with 1 fatally and lawmakers say stronger gun laws must be enacted. There's been a 38 percent increase in shooting incidents. Senator Durbin says something must be done on a national level, and one mother says she's exhausted by the violence in her southside neighborhood- Charlie Wojciechowski- Runs 1:48

ENTERTAINMENT-SECOND CITY- CHICAGO- 5PM PKG

Second city prepares for reopening and patrons will see a more diverse face this year. The former CEO stepped down after several allegations of racism at the improv center. The new CEO talked about how they've made the shows more condensed, not your typical Second City revue. Lee Ann Trotter 1:50

MONDAY , MARCH 29, 2021

RESCUE DEATH- FLORIDA/CHICAGO-10PM PKG

An executive of the Daily Herald died over the weekend rescuing several in the ocean in Destin Florida.

His co-workers at the Daily Herald say Peter Rosengren of Batavia was the nicest ,kindest man who was loved by his family friends and workers. Rosengren is survived by his wife and four Children- Natalie Martinez- Runs 1:51

HEALTH- PHASE I-C BEGINS- CHICAGO- 5PMPKG – Chicago moves into the next phase of Vaccinations- Phase 1-C. This allows more people to be vaccinated. The list includes 16 or older diagnosed with with underlying health issues, personal health workers and restaurant workers are also included on the list.

Although more people are getting vaccinated, the city is seeing an increase in cases and hospitalizations. Today the Mayor discussed that surge, saying she believes it's from people 18 - 39 year olds letting down their guard. Kate Chappell- Runs 1:58

SAFETY- TWO DEADLY HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS- CHICAGO/FOREST PARK- LIVE 4AM/6AM / 6PM PKG

In a bizarre night, the state police investigated two deadly wrong-way driving incidents which killed a total of 5 people and injured several others. They both happened on the Eisenhower exprewssway around the same time. The first accident was in Forest Park at Interstate 290 near Des Plaines, where a person drove the wrong way hitting another vehicle head on. Two people died in that accident. The other accident happened around the same time, at 290 and Halsted, involving three cars . Lisa Chavarria-

TUESDAY , MARCH 30, 2021

ENTERTAINMENT- LOLLAPALOOZA- CHICAGO 5PM PKG-

The founder of Lollapalooza said on a radio interview that there will be a lollapalooza concert in Chicago in some capacity. It won't be full capacity and every one will have to wear masks. He says they are keeping a close eye on the numbers in Chicago .

The D.J at one of the local stations, 103.9 says this is a huge impact for the city Vi Nguyen – Runs 2:31

RELIGION- FR. PFLERGER ACCUSERS-CHICAGO 10PM PKG

Two brothers who accused Father Pflieger of abuse, says they took a lie detector test to show they are telling the truth and are asking for him to do the same.

The Archdiocese says the investigation is still pending and would not comment. But Pflieger's lawyer says the brothers are lying. Mary Ann Ahern- Runs 2:33

WEDNESDAY MARCH 31, 2021

MAKING A DIFFERENCE- RUNNING AROUND LAKE MICHIGAN- ILLINOIS/MICHIGAN- 5PM PKG

A Glencoe teen is almost halfway from running around Lake Michigan as a charity effort for the Alzheimer's Association. He is doing it for his grandmother who died from the disease and has already passed his 35-thousand dollar goal. He is nearly halfway around the lake but says there

have been some very trying days with the high winds and other weather. Lauren Petty- Runs 2:11

SPORTS/CUBS OPENING DAY – CHICAGO- 5PM PKG/10PM – Tomorrow, the Chicago Cubs take the field for the MLB Opening Day at Wrigley, and the last time fans were allowed in for Opening Day is 2019. But fans will see a much different Wrigley this year with health and technology protocols. Everyone will be masked, only allowed in certain entrances, sit in pods and tickets and food be cashless. It's the biggest public opening in a year for Chicago. Lexi Sutter, Charlie Wojciechowski- Runs 2:24 AND 1:35

HEALTH- COVID 19 VACCINE EXPANSION – CHICAGO – 10PM PKG
Cook county announced they will be rolling out an additional eight thousand vaccine appointments tonight and officials say they were snatched up in 25 minutes. Chicago officials warned bars and restaurants that they are not loosening rules, saying today's average was a leap from a few weeks ago. The hospitality industry says if they had to rollback if there was another big surge, they might not be able to survive. Alex Maragos- Runs 1:48

CRIME- POLICE SHOOTINGS- CHICAGO- LIVE 4A/5AM/6AM
The Chicago police were involved in two separate shootings blocks apart and an hour apart. In the first shooting, police shot and killed a man and say they found a weapon from the offender. In the second case, an off- duty officer shot a man in the face after a home invasion. Lisa Chavarria- Runs 2:35