

2021 3rd Quarter WWMT Public Issues Report

July through September 2021

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT	5, 6 p.m.	7/28/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	City of Kalamazoo get a \$400 million donation to its Foundation for Excellence endowment.
	5:30 a.m.	9/3/21	5:30 a.m.	1:05	Community raises money for pediatric cancer.
	5:30 p.m.	9/7/21	5:30 p.m.	:40	Community remembers baseball star Derek Jeter as he gets inducted into major league hall of fame.
	6:30 a.m.	9/8/21	6:30 a.m.	1:31	Kids take advantage of new innovative school workflow/learning post-COVID.
	10.11 p.m.	9/9/21	10,11 p.m.	:40	Lawmakers honor 9/11 victims ahead of anniversary of the attacks.
	10,11 p.m.	9/13/21	10,11 p.m.	:33	Allegan County brings back fair parade after COVID delays.
	10,11 p.m.	9/18/21	10,11 p.m.	:25	Non-profit opens new accessible baseball field for children with special needs.
COVID-19	5, 6 p.m.	7/9/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Pfizer announces its developing a third COVID-19 vaccine to combat variants.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/12/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Vice President Kamala Harris visits Michigan to promote COVID-19 vaccinations.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	7/12/21	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	1:30	Health experts say the state's COVID-19 vaccine lottery has not caused

					an increase in the vaccination rate so far.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/13/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:40	Governor Whitmer signs bill into law to send more funding to K-12 schools.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/13/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:30	Experts say scammers may try to take advantage of Michigan's vaccine lottery program.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	7/14/21	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	Michigan unveils its first vaccine lottery winners.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/15/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	National healthcare organizations call to make COVID-19 vaccines mandatory for hospital employees. We check in with hospital leaders in West Michigan.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/15/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:30	A new report highlights the top reasons teachers are leaving the profession in Michigan amid a pandemic teacher shortage.
	5 p.m.	7/19/21	5 p.m.	1:40	Group of health officials and school leaders hold press conference to urge parents to vaccinate their kids against COVID-19 and other diseases.
	5 p.m.	7/21/21	5 p.m.	1:20	Michigan lawmakers repeal an emergency powers act Governor Whitmer used at the start of the pandemic.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/20/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	As covid-19 cases climb statewide, health officials warn people to be cautious at summer gatherings.
	5 p.m.	7/20/21	5 p.m.	1:40	Michigan school districts takes mixed stances on the question of requiring

					masks for vaccinated students and teachers.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/22/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Health officials offer advice to vaccinate people regarding COVID-19 breakthrough cases.
	5 p.m.	7/26/21	5 p.m.	1:20	The state health department confirms thousands of COVID-19 vaccines are set to expire in Michigan next month. We investigate what's being done to try and salvage the doses.
	5 p.m.	7/28/21	5 p.m.	1:40	Governor Whitmer says her administration does not plan to reimplement its mask mandate in light of recent CDC guideline changes.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	7/28/21	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	Several large hospital systems in Michigan announce they're making the COVID vaccine mandatory for employees.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	7/29/21	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	Community group hosts "healthy living carnival" in Battle Creek to encourage kids to get their vaccination ahead of the upcoming school year.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	7/30/21	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	Local health officials say some COVID-19 outbreaks in Branch County started in restaurants.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	8/4/21	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	Some area businesses reinstate masking rules according to CDC guidance.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	8/5/21	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	West Michigan school districts reconsider masking rules after new

					guidance from the state health department.
	5, 6 p.m.	8/5/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Housing advocates say the extended eviction moratorium doesn't go far enough the help families in need.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	8/8/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Some parents write a letter to Portage Public Schools to speak out against the district's 'mask-optional' policy.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	8/6/21	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	WMU faculty members send letter to administration asking for vaccine mandate for students and staff this Fall.
	5 p.m.	8/9/21	5 p.m.	1:40	Michigan health department and school officials urge parents to vaccinate their kids before the start of the school year.
	5, 6 p.m.	8/17/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Lakeview Public Schools changes mask policy just weeks before start of school year. New plan will tie mandatory masking to county transmission rates.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	8/19/21	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	Protesters rally at the Allegan Co. Health Department to speak out against school mask orders issued yesterday.
	5 p.m.	8/19/21	5 p.m.	1:15	Two local hospitals report greater than 80% ICU capacity, as COVID-19 case rates climb statewide.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	8/23/21	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	FDA gives full approval to Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine.

	10,11p.m.	9/1/21	10.11 p.m.	:50	Allegan County parents say they weren't notified of positive COVID cases
	6 p.m.	9/8/21	6 p.m.	1:51	Local doctor pushes us of unproven Ivermectin drug for treating COVID.
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY	5 p.m.	7/14/21	5 p.m.	1:40	State announces some people who received unemployment benefits may have to pay them back due to an administrative error.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/19/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:30	Barry County sheriff opens investigation into allegations of voter fraud in 2020 presidential election.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/29/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	We investigate how money will be spent from a \$400 million donation to the Kalamazoo Foundation for Excellence endowment.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/30/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Local business owners say the growing homeless population is disrupting business. We ask Kalamazoo officials what they're doing to address the ongoing issue.
	10,11 p.m.	9/2/21	10,11 p.m.	1:13	Federal judge rules on plot to kidnap Governor.
	6 p.m.	9/2/21	6 p.m.	1:48	Governor visits Grand Rapids to address unemployment concerns.
	5 p.m.	9/8/21	5 p.m.	1:30	Lawmakers battle over redrawing legislative districts.

	5 a.m.	9/9/21	5 a.m.	:50	School districts cancel bus routes leaving parents scrambling to get kids to school.
	5:30 p.m.	9/13/21	5:30 p.m.	1:51	Legislators debate banning masks in schools amid new COVID outbreak numbers.
INFRASTRUCTURE	5, 6 p.m.	7/26/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	St. Joseph County gets economic development grants from the state to add more than 450 manufacturing jobs in Sturgis.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/28/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Gov. Whitmer unveils affordable housing plan in Kalamazoo.
	5, 6 p.m.	8/6/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Business owners in Paw Paw say an ongoing construction project is hurting business. A community meeting is scheduled for tonight.
	6 p.m.	9/3/21	6 p.m.	1:39	Kellogg announces job cuts.
	10,11 p.m.	9/15/21	10,11 p.m.	1:27	City officials address complaints over traffic violations with new citizen reporting system.
INJUSTICE					
	10,11p.m.	9/2/21	10,11 p.m.	2:10	Battle Creek Police release body camera video showing officer shooting suspect.
	NOON	9/13/21	NOON	:27	City of Portage launches “no hate” campaign.
	10, 11 p.m.	9/15/21	10,11 p.m.	1:36	Residents are forced to move out of homeless encampment without anywhere to go despite the city offering to help.

	5 p.m.	9/20/21	5 p.m.	:27	Report reveals police shootings have increased in 2021 – we look at why.
MENTAL HEALTH	5 p.m.	7/9/21	5 p.m.	1:40	Allegan County gets a federal grant to fund expanded mental health treatment.
	10,11 p.m.	9/9/21	10, 11 p.m.	1:19	New Calhoun County program address mental health crisis.
PUBLIC SAFETY	5 p.m.	7/9/21	5 p.m.	1:00	A homicide suspect is arraigned in the killing of a Battle Creek woman.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/12/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Battle Creek police charge two teenagers for setting a fire at a vacant school building.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/12/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	A Portage couple has 2 cars stolen from right out of their driveway over the weekend.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/13/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	St. Joseph County officials increase security measures at county parks after a series of vandalism incidents.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/20/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:30	After a violent carjacking overnight, police say they're seeing a rise in car thefts in recent months.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/21/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	City residents say the homeless population is causing them to be concerned for their safety in downtown Kalamazoo.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/22/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:30	The lead FBI agent for the investigation into the alleged plot to kidnap Gov. Whitmer is

					accused of assaulting his wife.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/26/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	KDPS investigates 2 homicides that happened over the weekend.
	5, 6 p.m.	7/30/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	KDPS arrests 9 teens in connection to recent shootings and car thefts.
	5, 6 p.m.	8/4/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	New court documents reveal possible motives for a son charged in his father's death.
	5, 6 p.m.	8/5/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Police arrest suspect in a standoff at a gas station last night.
	5, 6 p.m.	8/9/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Wyoming police handcuff a black realtor while he's showing a home to a black family.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	8/16/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	A Kalamazoo Co. Deputy is shot and killed during a police chase. We learn more about his legacy in the community and the suspect's identity.
	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	8/17/21	5, 5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	Other law enforcement agencies take over service calls for Kalamazoo Co. Sheriff's Department in wake of deputy's death in the line of duty.
	5, 6 p.m.	8/17/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	The farmer who found the deputy shot on duty and called 911 speaks out about the experience.
	5, 6 p.m.	8/19/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Funeral arrangements and procession announced for fallen Kalamazoo Co. Sargent.
	5, 6 p.m.	8/23/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:20	Van Buren Co. Prosecutors hold press conference regarding

					last week's shooting at the South Haven pier.
	5,6 p.m.	9/7/21	5,6 p.m.	:40	Police chief addresses how police responded to protests last summer amid new report.
	5, 6 p.m.	9/8/21	5, 6 p.m.	1:17	Police investigate after 9-year-old child is shot, parent involved.
	10,11 p.m.	9/13/21	10,11 p.m.	1:15	Police investigate bomb threat while working drug bust.
	10,11 p.m.	9/20/21	10,11 p.m.	1:44	Gun violence intervention program addresses gun violence as a public health crisis.
WEATHER	5:30, 6 p.m.	7/14/21	5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	Mosquito population explodes in West Michigan due to rainy weather.
	5:30 p.m.	8/4/21	5:30 p.m.	1:20	National Weather Service launches a new alert system for storms.
	5:30, 6 p.m.	7/15/21	5:30, 6 p.m.	1:20	Michigan DNR considers a new proposal to fine people for swimming under Red Flag conditions at the lakeshore.
	5:30 p.m.	7/22/21	5:30 p.m.	1:20	A new advisory from the National Weather Service predicts a La Nina winter. We explain what that means for the forecast.
	10,11 p.m.	9/4/21	10,11 p.m.	1:17	Neighbors clean up after storm damage, power outages leave devastation in Kalamazoo.
	10,11 p.m.	9/4/21	10, 11 p.m.	:31	Neighbors clean up after storm damage, power outages leave

					devastation in Three Rivers.
	5 a.m.	9/13/21	5 a.m.	1:03	Farmers face challenges at orchards this fall following late spring Frost impacting Michigan's fruit industry.