



***4Q 2021***

***Issues Programs Report***



### **Religious Programming**

**Joel Osteen** – *Sunday 10:00AM and 2:00AM*

God is doing amazing things through our television ministry. We are reaching over 100 million homes in the U.S. and tens of millions more in 100 nations. Lives are being changed, relationships are being restored and communities are being transformed by the power of God and the message of hope that is being broadcast through this ministry.

**In Touch Ministries**- *Sunday 6:30AM*

It all began in 1972, when a half-hour program called "The Chapel Hour" was launched on Atlanta-area television stations. Today, "In Touch with Dr. Charles Stanley" can be heard around the world via radio and television broadcasts, podcasts, the handheld In Touch Ministries Messenger, In Touch Apps, and right here on the Web. Our programs are seen and heard around the world on more than 2,600 radio and television outlets in more than 50 languages. In addition to broadcasting, the ministry continues to produce books, studies, discipleship resources, and the award-winning In Touch magazine to more than 1.5 million households every month.



## BUZZR E/I Programming Descriptions

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### Aqua Kids

*Aqua Kids* is a weekly half-hour series that educates young people about ecology, wildlife, and science and how it relates to them. Viewers learn how eco-systems connect and what young people can do to make a positive difference in the world.

### Dragonfly TV

*Dragonfly TV* is a weekly half-hour science television series that highlights children doing projects with hands-on experience and demonstrates the practical applications of mathematics and science. It introduces young viewers to a variety of scientific disciplines and challenges them in critical thinking and problem solving skills, while providing valuable information to reach answers. Each episode is engaging, entertaining, and educational in structure, allowing children to investigate science on their own.

### Walking Wild

*Walking Wild* is a weekly half-hour reality series showcasing various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on the dedicated people who look after these spectacular critters. The program also gives teen viewers a unique, up-close examination of each wild animal. *Walking Wild* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.

### Wild Wonders

*Wild Wonders* is a weekly half-hour reality series allowing teen viewers to become familiar with various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on various critters and examines their differences. The program also provides important information about each animal's living habits and includes interviews with people who care for them. *Wild Wonders* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.



2016-2017 SEASON

## ME-TV NETWORK CHILDREN'S E/I PROGRAMMING

SERIES NAME	SYNOPSIS	RATINGS	TARGET AUDIENCE	E/I or NON
BEAKMAN'S WORLD	This live-action series based on the comic strip by Jok Church stars performance artist Paul Zaloom as the slightly nutty but never boring scientist who leads a journey of discovery while performing experiments that demonstrate how the world works. Topics are addressed with cutting-edge humor and state-of-the-art visuals that make learning fun. Joining Beakman in his quest are Josie (Alanna Ubach), his bright young apprentice, and an oversize, sarcastic rat named Lester (Mark Ritts).	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
BILL NYE, THE SCIENCE GUY	With 28 Emmys and a slew of other prestigious awards, Disney's resident way-cool scientist knows how to get kids fired up about science. From Earth science to complex discussions on genetics, Bill Nye's enthusiasm for all things science is contagious.	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
MYSTERY HUNTERS	Mystery Hunters explores some of the world's greatest myths and mysteries. Combining on-site reporting and exciting adventures, the Mystery Hunters uses science and reasoning to try to uncover the truth. The program teaches children how to gather facts, meet with experts, debunk common myths, and offer explanations for legends. 2006 Winner of a Parents' Choice Award, Mystery Hunters.	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
SAVED BY THE BELL	Saved By The Bell is a television series targeted to teens 13-16 years of age, which explores social themes and coping strategies through the daily school life of six teen-aged friends at Bayside High who help each other make the most of growing up in a complicated world. The multi-ethnic cast members serve as role models for young teen viewers as they deal with such issues as dealing with the death of a loved one, the right to say "no," the meaning of heroism, teenage alcohol use and other issues of particular concern to young teens.	TV-PG	K13-16	E/I



## ON THE HILL

FOX5 News on The Hill is a half hour live political show hosted by Tom Fitzgerald along with The Hill's Editor in Chief Bob Cusack. The show airs each Sunday at 8:30am. The hosts report and analyze the big headlines and stories from the campaign trail, along with political news from the White House and Capitol Hill.

### Episodes 4<sup>TH</sup> Quarter 2021:

- Sunday, Oct 3
- Sunday, Oct 10
- Sunday, Oct 17
- Sunday, Oct 24
- Sunday, Oct 31
- Sunday, Nov 7
- Sunday, Nov 14
- Sunday, Nov 21
- Sunday, Nov 28
- Sunday, Dec 5
- Sunday, Dec 12
- Sunday, Dec 19
- Sunday, Dec 26



## LIKE IT OR NOT

A new take on the news of the week is coming to FOX 5-- FOX 5's Like It Or Not. "FOX 5's Like It Or Not" will go beyond the headlines and provide edgy, controversial commentary, discussing the news of the week in politics, entertainment and pop culture.

"Buckle up! This isn't your typical traditional news program. It's provocative and intelligent and will present candid opinions and observations on a wide range of news of the day topics and issues," said FOX 5 Vice President and General Manager Patrick Paolini.

Program airs Monday – Friday 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. on WTTG.

From October 21 to December 31, 2021.

WTTG/Channel 5

Program Information Report



*Fox 5 @ 4* *The First 5* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:00 – 4:30 am and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

*Fox 5 Morning News at 4:30 am* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:30- 5:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

*Fox 5 Morning News at 5* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00- 6:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

*Fox 5 Morning News at 6* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 6:00- 7:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

*Fox 5 Morning News* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 7:00- 9:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

*Fox 5 @ 4* - A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:00-5:00pm and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

*Fox 5 News at 5* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00-6:00pm and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

*Fox 5 News at 6* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 6:00-6:30pm and covers news headlines, sports, weather and local news.

*5 @ 6:30pm*- A Monday through Friday rundown news program that airs from 6:30-7:00pm and covers news headlines, politics and local news.

*Fox 5 News at 10* – A daily one-hour news program that airs from 10:00-11:00pm featuring local, national and international news headlines as well as in depth local stories, investigative reports, sports and weather information.

*Fox 5 News at 11* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 11:00-11:30pm featuring local news, weather and sports.

*The Final 5* – A Monday through Friday program that air 11:30 – 12:00 midnight featuring anchor Jim Lokay and his take on the daily current events.

Origination: Local

Issues addressed:

1. Crime
2. Local politics
3. National politics
4. Health
5. Education
6. Community
7. Housing
8. Transportation
9. Environment
10. Children

*Fox News Sunday* – A one-hour weekly program, airing Sundays from 9:00-10:00am that looks at the most pressing issues of the week from the White House, Congress and Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court and various government agencies and conducts interviews with political newsmakers. Origination: Network



# Fourth QUARTER

## FOX NEWS SUNDAY GUESTS

### Quarter 4 2021

#### September 26, 2021

##### **Border:**

Sec. Alejandro Mayorkas

##### **Border:**

Gov. Greg Abbott (R-TX)

#### October 3, 2021

##### **Spending Bill**

Cedric Richmond

Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)

Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)

#### October 10, 2021

##### **Debt limit:**

Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA)

Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)

#### October 17, 2021

##### **Covid/Booster**

Dr. Anthony Fauci

##### **Supply Chains/Inflation:**

Mohamed El-Erian

#### October 24, 2021

##### **Covid:**

Dr. Rochelle Walensky

##### **Infrastructure/Reconciliation**

Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)

#### October 31, 2021

##### **Infrastructure:**

Sec. Pete Buttigieg

##### **Infrastructure/Politics**

Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)

**November 7, 2021**

**Biden Domestic Agenda:**

Cedric Richmond

**Bipartisanship:**

Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC)

Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY)

**State of Democracy**

Leon Panetta

**November 14, 2021**

**Covid Mandates**

Dr. Vivek Murthy

**Vaccine Mandate Lawsuit**

TX AG Ken Paxton

**November 21, 2021**

**BBB/Economy**

Brian Deese

**State of the GOP**

Chris Christie

**November 28, 2021**

**New Covid Variant**

Dr. Francis Collins

**Economy:**

Mohamed El-Erian

**Senate/Build Back Better/debt ceiling**

Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)

**December 5, 2021**

**Omicron Variant:**

Dr. Vivek Murthy

**Space Force:**

Gen. David Thompson

**National Security:**

Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)

Michele Flournoy

**December 12, 2021**

**Crime/Vaccine Mandates:**

Mayor Bill de Blasio

**BBB:**

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

**December 19, 2021**

**BBB:**

Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)

**Covid:**

Dr. Francis Collins

Covid Mandates:

Gov. Larry Hogan (R-MD)

Gov. Phil Murphy (D-NJ)

**December 26, 2021**

**Covid:**

Dr. Ashish Jha

**Biden Agenda:**

Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)

**State of GOP:**

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)

# **SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING**

## 4th Quarter 2021

*Crime*

*Dec 28, 2021*

### **Arlington Catholic priest indicted on charges of sexually assaulting a child**

By **FOX 5 DC Digital Team**

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Updated **December 30, 2021 8:15PM**

**News**

**FOX 5 DC**

*Link:* <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/arlington-catholic-priest-indicted-on-charges-of-sexually-assaulting-a-child>



**ARLINGTON, Va. (FOX 5 DC)** - A priest and the former director of the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Child Protection and Safety has been indicted on charges of sexually assaulting a child.

Terry Specht worked as the director of the Diocese's Office of Child Protection between 2004 and 2011. He is accused of aggravated sexual battery of a child under

the age of 13 and the sexual abuse of a child with whom a custodial or supervisory relationship existed.

The abuse is said to have taken place between March and September in 2000.

Virginia SNAP Leader Becky Ianni said that Specht sat on the review board that heard her case, and that it is unsettling for her to realize that an accused perpetrator listened to the details of her abuse.

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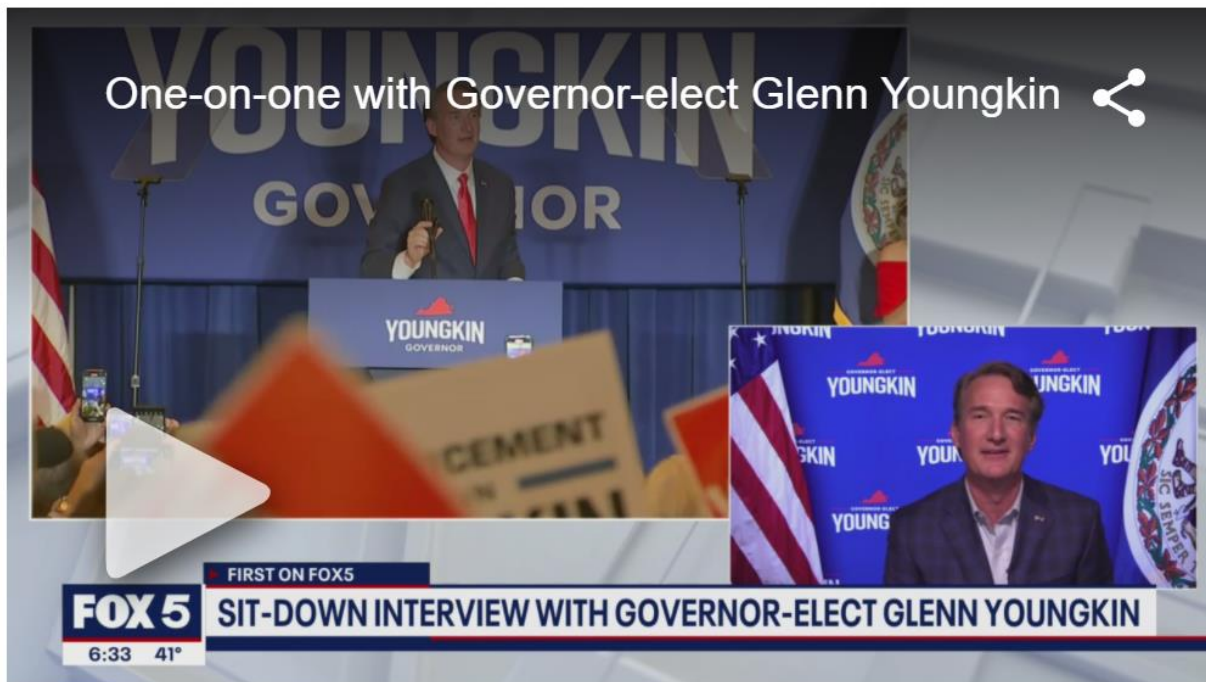
Anyone who suffered, witnessed or suspected abuse in the Diocese of Arlington is encouraged to make a report to the AG's hotline at 833-454-9064.

*Local Politics*  
*Dec 24, 2021*

## **Virginia Governor-elect Glenn Youngkin talks education, COVID-19**

By **FOX 5 DC Digital Team**  
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**News**  
**FOX 5 DC**

Link: <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/first-on-fox-5-virginia-governor-elect-glenn-youngkin-talks-education-covid-19>



### **One-on-one with Governor-elect Glenn Youngkin**

In part one of our one-on-one sit down interview that's first on FOX 5, Virginia Governor-elect Glenn Youngkin sits down to discuss Inauguration Day, COVID-19 response and more.

In his first sitdown interview with a regional station since Election Day, Virginia Governor-elect Glenn Youngkin joins FOX 5 to discuss his plans for the Commonwealth in 2022 and beyond.

The Richmond-born businessman defeated former Democratic Governor Terry McAuliffe.

Youngkin's campaign seized on outrage over education in the Commonwealth, where suburban and rural jurisdictions have become increasingly concerned about so-called "Critical Race Theory," as well as the 1619 Project.



#### **Governor-elect Glenn Youngkin one-on-one interview**

Virginia Governor-elect Glenn Youngkin sits down with FOX 5 in his first sit down with a local station since he was elected to discuss his plans for the Commonwealth from education to healthcare.

The campaign's numerous ads included a line McAuliffe uttered, in which he says he doesn't believe "parents should be telling schools what they should teach."

His pledge to ensure parents have greater say in what their kids are taught has become a centerpiece of his campaign — possibly foreshadowing similar arguments GOP candidates will use across the country next year.

#### **READ MORE: Republican Glenn Youngkin claims victory in Virginia governor's race**

"We are going to press forward with making sure that we get politics out of the classroom," Youngkin told FOX 5, "and that our children are prepared by learning how to think and not told what to think."

Governor-elect Youngkin also touched on COVID-19 and what he believes will be the best way to combat the illness.

"As we head into the new year, I do believe that the issues are going to be around severity as opposed to numbers and therefore recognizing the best way to protect ourselves is to get the vaccine," Youngkin said.

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Youngkin says he and his team are ready to go on day one to begin implementing their plan for the Commonwealth. Watch part one and part two of FOX 5's interview with Governor-elect Youngkin above.



*National Politics*  
*Dec 16, 2021*

## **Biden, Manchin at odds over \$2T social spending bill, AP source says**

By **Alan Fram**

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Updated **4:42PM**

**Politics**

**Associated Press**

Link: <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/biden-manchin-at-odds-over-2t-social-spending-bill-ap-source-says>



### **Biden gives closing remarks at Summit for Democracy**

President Joe Biden spoke on the final day of the White House's Summit for Democracy, which focused on the importance of election integrity and other items, on Dec. 10, 2021.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - Democrats' vast social and environment package was stuck in the Senate Thursday as leaders' hopes for an accord with holdout Sen. Joe Manchin and approval of their flagship domestic measure in the year's waning days seemed all but dead.

After a closed-door lunch among Senate Democrats, Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., told reporters that a statement by President Joe Biden was expected shortly giving an update on "his conversations with Sen. Manchin and others."

Talks on the 10-year, roughly \$2 trillion bill between Biden and Manchin, who wants to cut and reshape the measure, are said to have yielded little progress. Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., had set Senate passage before Christmas as his goal, but disputes with Manchin and other Democrats remain and it's become unclear how they would move forward without decisive intervention by Biden.

Schumer barely mentioned the legislation as the day's business began. Instead, he described Democrats' efforts to break a logjam on voting rights legislation and a pile of nominations the Senate will consider "as we continue working to bring the Senate to a position where we can move forward" on the social and environment bill.

No. 2 Senate Democrat Richard Durbin of Illinois joked to reporters that Manchin "has been camped out in the Lincoln Bedroom and has his own parking space at the White House, he's been there so often" and said he "couldn't ask for Joe Biden to do more" to try reaching agreement with Manchin.

### **RELATED: Biden kicks off summit on democracy, calls on world leaders to 'lock arms'**

Using his sway in a 50-50 Senate where Democrats need unanimity to prevail, Manchin has continued his drive to force his party to cut the bill's cost and eliminate programs he opposes. All Republicans oppose the package, which carries many of Biden's paramount domestic priorities.

The rocky status of the Biden-Manchin talks was described Wednesday by a person who spoke only on condition of anonymity. The person said Manchin was pushing to eliminate the bill's renewal of expanded benefits under the child tax credit, a keystone of Democratic efforts to reduce child poverty.

Manchin told reporters Wednesday that assertions he wants to strip the child tax credit improvements were "a lot of bad rumors." Asked if he backed eliminating one of the

bill's child tax credit improvements — monthly checks sent to millions of families — he said, "I'm not negotiating with any of you."

Adding further doubt about quick Senate action this year, Biden suggested that Democrats should instead prioritize voting rights legislation, a primary party goal that Republicans have long stymied. Democrats face an uphill fight on the voting measure, but focusing on it would let them wage a battle that energizes the party's voters while lawmakers work behind the scenes on the social and environment bill.



WASHINGTON, DC - DECEMBER 13: U.S. President Joe Biden speaks during a briefing about the recent tornadoes in the Midwest in the Oval Office of the White House December 13, 2021 in Washington, DC. More than 60 people were killed, and officials fear the number will grow after a series of tornadoes and severe storms made their way through several states in the Midwest over the weekend. (Photo by Drew Angerer/Getty Images)

Asked whether Congress should quickly consider the voting legislation and delay the \$2 trillion bill to next year, Biden told reporters, "If we can get the congressional voting rights done, we should do it." He added, "There's nothing domestically more important than voting rights." Biden spoke as he toured tornado damage in Dawson Springs, Kentucky.

All of that produced a day of confusion in the Senate, where rank-and-file lawmakers and aides said they knew nothing about what legislation the chamber would tackle next, when and whether they would prevail.

Letting the social and environment legislation slip into next year, when congressional elections will be held, would be ominous for the bill's ultimate prospects.

With Democrats having blown past previous self-imposed deadlines on the push, another delay would fuel Republican accusations that they are incompetently running a government they control. Democrats are bracing for November elections when the GOP has a real chance of winning control of the House and Senate.

### **RELATED: 'Building a Better America': Biden touts benefits of infrastructure package in Kansas City**

Word of Manchin's stance prompted a backlash from colleagues, whom he's frustrated for months with constant demands to cut the bill's size and scope. The measure also has money for health care, universal prekindergarten and climate change programs, largely paid for with tax boosts on big corporations and the rich.

Durbin said "the level of emotion" among Democrats over the child tax credit "is very high," and said he was "stunned" when he heard about Manchin's demands.

Manchin has wanted the overall bill's 10-year price tag to fall below \$2 trillion. He also wants all its programs to last the full decade.

The current bill would extend the enhanced child tax credit for just one year, a device to contain the bill's cost. Renewing the improved benefits for 10 years would increase its current one-year cost of around \$100 billion to over \$1 trillion, and doing that while cutting the overall bill's size would wreak havoc on Democrats' other priorities in the bill.

The Treasury Department says the expanded tax credit has helped the families of 61 million children.

Another impediment to Democrats is a time-consuming review by the Senate parliamentarian, Elizabeth MacDonough, about whether many of the bill's provisions violate the chamber's rules and should be dropped. Her written opinions on that, including on provisions letting many migrants remain temporarily in the U.S., may not be ready until the weekend or later.

Manchin's other demands have included removing a new requirement for paid family leave. Disputes among other lawmakers include how to increase federal tax deductions for state and local taxes.

The House approved its version of the legislation in November.

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*AP Congressional Correspondent Lisa Mascaro and Associated Press writers Colleen Long and Farnoush Amiri contributed to this report.*

*Community*  
*Dec 29, 2021*

## **Group home plans causing zoning controversy in Loudoun County neighborhood**

By **Perris Jones**

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News

**FOX 5 DC**

Link: <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/group-home-plans-causing-zoning-controversy-in-loudoun-county-neighborhood>



### **New group homes in Loudoun County neighborhood causing tension**

Newport Academy, a rehab company that provides mental health services to teens and young adults, plans to purchase three homes in a Loudoun County neighborhood to use as state-licensed group homes and treatment centers. However, neighbors say it's a zoning issue.

**LOUDOUN COUNTY, Va. (FOX 5 DC)** - Controversy is brewing in Loudoun County over plans to bring group homes to a residential neighborhood along Gleedsville Road.

Newport Academy, a rehab company that provides mental health services to teens and young adults, plans to purchase three homes in the neighborhood to use as state-licensed group homes and treatment centers.



According to the zoning application, each home would have eight residents plus staff.

Neighbors tell FOX 5 it's a zoning issue and the company shouldn't be able to have these facilities in the neighborhood.

**READ MORE: Loudoun County teen sentencing in Broad Run High School sex assault postponed until January**

"I think knee-jerk first thing people say to us is, 'Don't you support mental health?'" Sarah Hoffman, a Gleedsville resident said. "And I think the irony there is that so many people who are part of this effort are mental health professionals. And they are some of the loudest voices saying this is a residential zone; this is wonderful, but it belongs in a commercial zone."

Hoffman said some of her neighbors only recently found out about the potential purchase and in addition to concerns over zoning, neighbors worry about safety, increased traffic, potential crime and property values going down if the facilities become operational.

"It's difficult because you don't want to judge the people...they're seeking help and that's wonderful, but again it's just all the more reason it shouldn't be in a residential zone. I don't see how it benefits those seeking care nor those living around the facility." Hoffman said.

**READ MORE: Veteran thanks firefighters who rescued 4 dogs from Loudoun County house fire**

FOX 5 reached out to Newport Academy and received this statement from CEO Joe Procopio:

*Newport has provided much needed, high quality teen mental health services in Virginia since March of 2020, and we are pleased to bring young adult mental health treatment to the Leesburg community soon. Our mission is to empower lives and restore families through clinical expertise and integrated care. We believe every person deserves a chance to heal in a supportive and loving environment, and we are committed to the safety of our clients and communities. We have received support*

*from many community members and leaders across Loudoun County who understand the need for quality mental health treatment in this region, particularly in the midst of a national mental health crisis, and we are working diligently with our neighbors to proactively mitigate any of their individual concerns. We look forward to being a contributing member of this great community and are committed to raising awareness and working to eliminate the stigma of mental health issues.*

An attorney representing Gleedsville neighbors did file an appeal this week.

If the county's zoning board accepts it, there could be a hearing where residents can speak to the board.

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FOX 5 did reach out to the county zoning officials but did not yet receive a response.

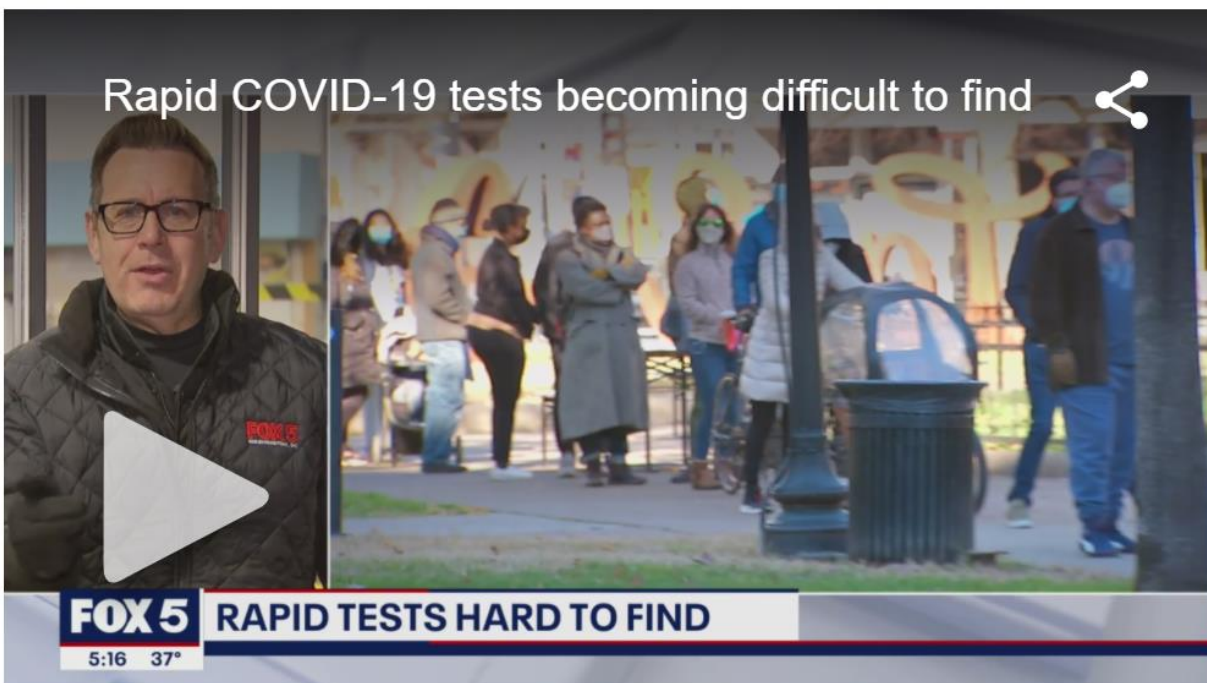


*Health*  
*Dec 20, 2021*

## **Rapid COVID-19 tests in low supply, high demand as cases rise across DMV**

By **Tom Fitzgerald**  
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News  
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**Link:** <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/rapid-covid-19-tests-in-low-supply-high-demand-as-cases-rise-across-dmv>



### **Rapid COVID-19 tests becoming difficult to find**

The hottest shopping item this holiday season isn't a clothing item or video game -- it's a COVID-19 rapid test. However, test kits are sold out across the DMV. FOX 5's Tom Fitzgerald has the latest.

**WASHINGTON (FOX 5 DC)** - Finding a rapid, at-home COVID-19 test has become nearly impossible in the DMV. Regionally, the sought-after test kits have sold out, leaving store shelves empty, but that hasn't dampened demand.

The shortage is hitting both small neighborhood pharmacies and national chains alike. As appointments for testing have filled up, many people have tried to turn to rapid tests at home to test themselves.

However, that has created massive demand.

Owner of Glen Echo Pharmacy in Maryland Ronald Sinker says his supplier has also raised prices on the test kits, and he still can't get them.

"We're a neighborhood store, and we try to help people in our community but if we can't get them, we can't get them. We are doing the best we can to get them and try to help people. We appreciate them calling us, but it's been hard to get these items," Sinker says.

### **READ MORE: COVID-19 spike across DMV leads to surge in demand for testing**

Hundreds of people turned up to wait in line at the Farragut Square testing location in D.C. on Monday. The free testing site was scheduled to last until noon but continued for more than an hour past then to fill the demand.

Many in line told FOX 5 they tried to buy a rapid test kit, but just couldn't find any.

"Multiple places Walgreens, CVS," one resident said. "They didn't have appointments either at pharmacies."

"There wasn't any anyplace, so I had to do walk-up testing," another resident said.

"There were no appointments available. I work over there, and I pass by this tent every single day and I normally see four people in line."

If you're considering online shopping for a rapid COVID-19 test, prepare for sticker shock. Some test kits that FOX 5 found on Amazon that normally retail between \$17 and \$25 are being offered for \$500 to \$1,500.

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Experts also warn consumers to be careful about online auction sites like eBay where it's harder to verify sellers are who they say they are.

*Housing*  
*Oct 16, 2021*

## **Man in critical condition after Southeast DC fire**

By **FOX 5 Digital Team**  
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**D.C. Fire and EMS**  
**FOX 5 DC**

**Link:** <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/man-in-critical-condition-after-southeast-dc-fire>



A man is in critical condition after a house fire Saturday in the 1400 block of Congress Place Southeast (DC Fire & EMS).

**WASHINGTON** - A man is in critical condition at the hospital after a house fire Saturday in Southeast D.C.

Firefighters say they responded to the fire around 11:15 a.m. Saturday in the 1400 block of Congress Place Southeast.

They found the man and took him to a hospital. The firefighters say the fire was contained to the home's first floor and was under control, but "moderate smoke conditions" prevailed.

No other injuries were reported. Investigators are on the scene.

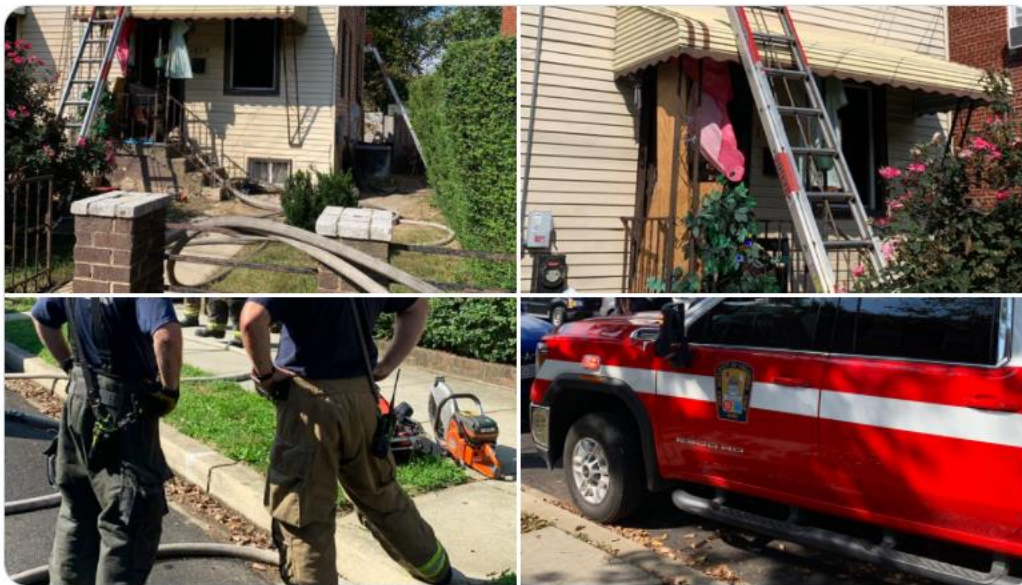


**DC Fire and EMS** ✓

@dcfireems



Update Working Fire 1400 block Congress Pl. SE. Adult male rescued by [#DCsBravest](#) Squad 3 transported in critical condition to area hospital. Fire was on 1st floor of home & under control. No other injuries reported. Request [@RedCrossNCGC](#) for 3 displaced. Investigators on scene.







DC Fire and EMS 

@dcfireems



An image from the Working Fire Dispatch in the 1400 block Congress Pl. SE, where [#DCsBravest](#) rescued an individual from inside the burning home.



*Transportation*  
*Dec 8, 2021*

## **Plow driver shortages could potentially impact snow removal this winter**

By **Josh Rosenthal**  
Published **December 8, 2021**  
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**News**  
**FOX 5 DC**

**Link:** <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/plow-driver-shortages-could-potentially-impact-snow-removal-this-winter>



### **Plow driver shortages could potentially impact snow removal this winter**

You've probably heard about all kinds of driver shortages currently impacting daily life from truck drivers to delivery drivers to school bus drivers. And with winter setting in, it appears as though plow driver shortages may become a problem too.

**FREDERICK COUNTY, M.d. (FOX 5 DC)** - You've probably heard about all kinds of driver shortages currently impacting daily life from truck drivers to delivery drivers to school bus drivers. And with winter setting in, it appears as though plow driver shortages may become a problem too.

So much so, it's going to impact snow removal in Frederick County and potentially in other jurisdictions too.

"It'll take longer to complete the process this year than it has in the past," explained Frederick County Highway Operations Superintendent Mike Ramsburg. "Highway operation is funded for 100 full-time employees, and we've been running, like I said, between 80 and 85 for the last year and a half."

Ramsburg added that the shortage wasn't as noticeable last winter when fewer people were out on the roads, but now that many people are back at work and children are back in schools, it's a different story.

### **FOX 5 WINTER OUTLOOK 2021-2022: Cold At Times, But Major Snows Unlikely**

As a result, officials are telling Frederick County residents that while roads will be treated before winter weather hits and roads will be cleared after, it may take longer than usual to get the jobs done.

The county is offering \$17.69 for entry-level drivers with a commercial driver's license, according to Ramsburg.

"There just aren't enough truck drivers to go around right now and typically government has a very difficult time competing with private industry," he told FOX 5 on Wednesday. "With the shortage of truck drivers, it's easy for a large corporation to offer a signing bonus and a much higher salary, even though that may only be for a short period of time, and they hire people who we would like to hire, or they hire current employees away from us."

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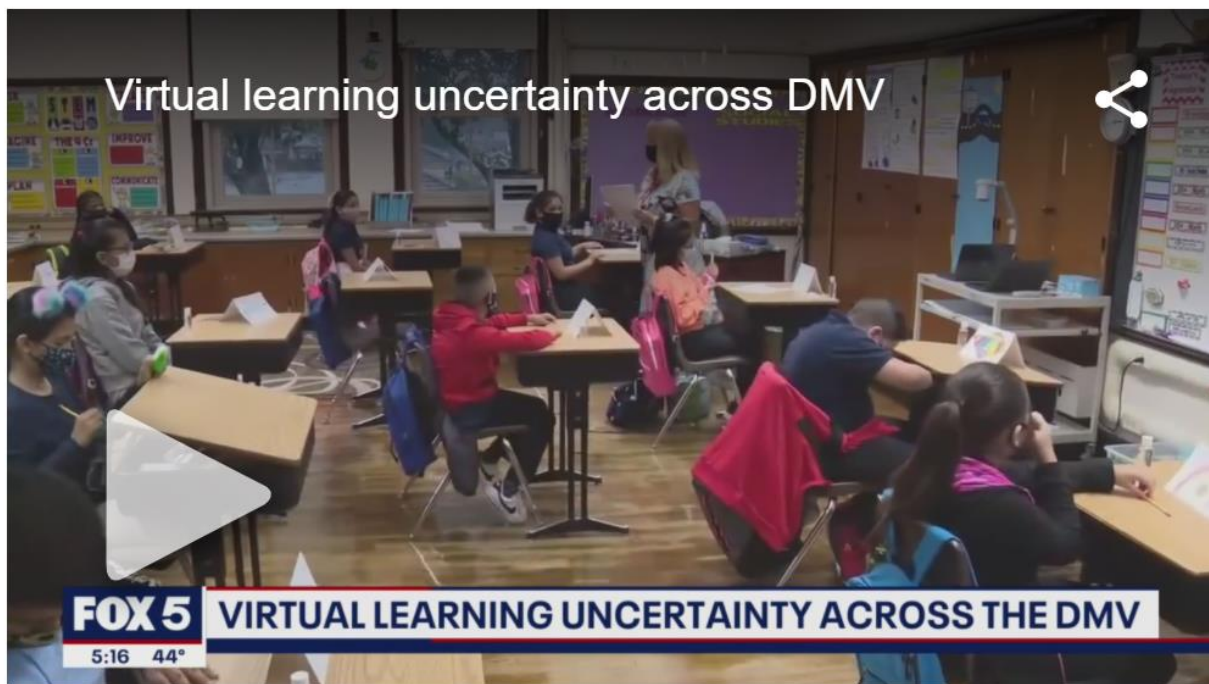
Some other agencies appear to be having more luck. Officials at both the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation said their staffing levels are sufficient.

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## **School districts across DMV uncertain about returning to in-person learning after holidays**

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### **Virtual learning uncertainty across DMV**

Will students return to the classroom after winter break in January or will we see another shift to virtual learning? FOX 5's Tisha Lewis has the latest.

As winter break begins for many families across the DMV, parents and students are already wondering if they will return to virtual or in-person learning in the new year amid a spike in COVID-19 cases.

Prince George's County schools have completely shut down campuses until mid-January and several schools in the District have closed due to rising cases.



Even so, many school districts in our region have yet to decide. However, in some cases, Chromebooks, chargers and learning materials are going home with students, just in case.

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Sherwood High School in Montgomery County is advising families to not use the items unless "the school system or an individual schools move to virtual instruction."

A similar message was sent home with students at Diamond Elementary School, also in Montgomery County.

School districts in the area are reminding families about the increase in COVID-19 cases and urging everyone to stay diligent and stay safe.

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Despite the notices, many schools, students and parents remain in a holding pattern, not knowing if virtual or in-person instruction will take place in the New Year.

In Virginia, Prince William County Public Schools Chair Dr. Babur Lateef, who is also an ophthalmologist, posted a tweet this week saying the school district is open, even taunting Maryland school districts over virtual learning.

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Dr. Lateef says Prince William County Public Schools has no plans to close due to the omicron surge.

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## **House passes Biden's social spending, climate bill, sending measure to Senate**

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**WASHINGTON** - Democrats brushed aside months-long divisions and pushed their expansive social and environment bill through a sharply divided House on Friday, as President Joe Biden and his party moved closer to capitalizing on their control of government by funneling its resources toward their top domestic priorities.

The House approved the legislation by a near party-line 220-213 vote, sending the measure to a Senate where cost-cutting demands by moderate Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and that chamber's strict rules seem certain to force significant changes. That will prompt fresh disputes between party centrists and progressives that will likely take weeks to resolve.

Even so, House passage marked a watershed for a measure remarkable for the breadth and depth of the changes it would make in federal policies. Wrapped into one bill are far-reaching changes in taxation, health care, energy, climate change, family services, education and housing. That shows the Democrats' desire to achieve their goals while controlling the White House and Congress — a dominance that could well end after next year's midterm elections.

The House vote also gave Biden a momentary taste of victory, and probably relief, during perhaps the rockiest period of his presidency. He's been battered by falling approval numbers in polls, reflecting voters' concerns over inflation, gridlocked supply chains and the persistent coronavirus pandemic, leaving Democrats worried that their legislative efforts are not breaking through to voters.

"If you are a parent, a senior, a child, a worker, if you're an American, this bill's for you," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., underscoring Democrats' efforts to impress the public.

### **RELATED: Biden signs \$1T infrastructure bill into law as Congress debates climate, social bill**

Biden this week signed a \$1 trillion package of highway and other infrastructure projects, another priority that overcame months of internal Democratic battling. The president has spent recent days promoting that measure around the country.

Final approval of the bigger bill, which had been expected Thursday, was delayed when Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., delivered an eight and one-half hour broadside criticizing Biden, Democrats and the bill, the longest speech ever made in the House. When he finished his remarks near dawn, the House recessed briefly before resuming its work, dozens of members designating colleagues to cast their votes.

Standing and referring occasionally to a binder on his desk, McCarthy shouted and rasped hoarsely at times. Democrats sporadically booed and groaned as McCarthy glared back, underscoring partisan hostility only deepened by this week's censure of

Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., for threatening tweets aimed at Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y.



*Kevin McCarthy blasts spending bill for hours, delaying vote | LiveNOW from FOX*

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Calif., speaks on the House floor during debate on the Democrats' expansive social and environment bill at the U.S. Capitol.

McCarthy, who hopes to become speaker if Republicans capture the chamber in next year's elections, recited problems the country has faced under Biden, including inflation, China's rise and large numbers of immigrants crossing the Southwest border. "Yeah, I want to go back," he said in mocking reference to the "Build Back Better" name Biden uses for the legislation.

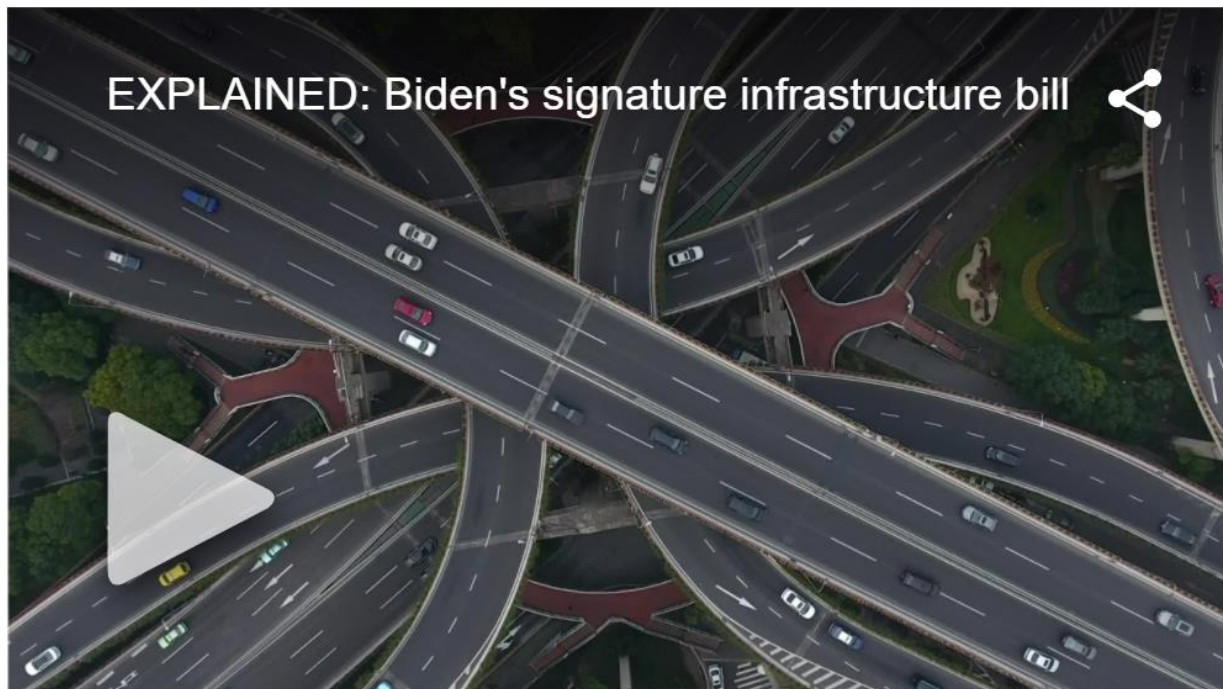
House rules do not limit how long party leaders may speak. In 2018, Pelosi, minority leader at the time, held the floor for just over eight hours demanding action on immigration. Until McCarthy's speech, hers was the House's longest ever.

Friday's vote came after the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated that the package would worsen federal deficits by \$160 billion over the coming decade. The agency also recalculated the measure's 10-year price tag at \$1.68 trillion, though

that figure wasn't directly comparable to a \$1.85 trillion figure Democrats have been using.

The 2,100-page bill's initiatives include bolstering child care assistance, creating free preschool, curbing seniors' prescription drug costs and increasing efforts to slow climate change. Also included are tax credits to spur clean energy development, bolstered child care assistance and extended tax breaks for millions of families with children, lower-earning workers and people buying private health insurance.

Most of it would be paid for by tax increases on the wealthy, big corporations and companies doing business abroad.



#### *EXPLAINED: Biden's signature infrastructure bill*

What's in Biden's signature infrastructure bill? Here's a look at the \$1 trillion investment in the United States.

The measure would provide \$109 billion to create free preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds. There are large sums for home health care for seniors, new Medicare coverage for hearing and a new requirement for four weeks of paid family leave. The family leave program, however, was expected to be removed in the Senate, where it's been opposed by Manchin.



There is also language to let the government issue work permits to millions of immigrants that would let them stay in the U.S. temporarily, and to save \$297 billion by letting the government curb prescription drug costs. The fate of both those provisions is uncertain in the Senate, where the chamber's nonpartisan parliamentarian enforces rules that limit provisions allowed in budget bills.

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In one major but expected difference with the White House, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that the bill's added \$80 billion to increase IRS tax enforcement would let it collect \$207 billion in new revenue over the coming decade. That meant net savings of \$127 billion, well below the White House's more optimistic \$400 billion estimate.

In a scorekeeping quirk, CBO officially estimated that the overall legislation would drive up federal deficits by \$367 billion over the coming decade. Agency guidelines require it to ignore IRS savings when measuring a bill's deficit impact, but it acknowledged that when including the IRS savings, the measure would worsen budget shortfalls by a lower \$160 billion.

Biden and other Democratic leaders have said the measure would pay for itself, largely through tax increases on the wealthy, big corporations and companies doing business abroad.



House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) speaks during his weekly press conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC on Nov. 18, 2021. (Photo by JIM WATSON/AFP via Getty Images)

Both parties worry about deficits selectively. Republicans passed tax cuts in 2017 that worsened red ink by \$1.9 trillion, while Democrats enacted a COVID-19 relief bill this year with that same price tag.

Republicans said the latest legislation would damage the economy, give tax breaks to some wealthy taxpayers and make government bigger and more intrusive. Drawing frequent GOP attacks was a provision boosting the limit on state and local taxes that people can deduct from federal taxes, which disproportionately helps top earners from high-tax coastal states.

After months of talks, Democrats were eager to begin selling the package back home. Lawmakers said they were planning 1,000 events around the country by year's end to pitch the measure's benefits to voters.

Facing uniform Republican opposition, Democrats could lose no more than three votes to prevail in the House, but moderates seemed reassured by CBO's figures.

Florida Democratic Rep. Stephanie Murphy, a leading centrist, said she would back the measure after the latest numbers showed the legislation "is fiscally disciplined" and "has a lot of positive elements."

Vice President Kamala Harris' tie-breaking vote gives Democrats control of the 50-50 Senate. That leaves Democrats with zero votes to spare, giving enormous leverage to Manchin in upcoming bargaining. The altered bill would have to return to the House before going to Biden's desk.

The nonpartisan private Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, which preaches fiscal constraint, estimated that the bill's overall cost would be nearly \$5 trillion if Democrats hadn't made some of its programs temporary. For example, tax credits for children and low-earning workers are extended for just one year, making their price tags appear lower, even though the party would like those programs to be permanent.

**RELATED: Biden taps former New Orleans mayor Mitch Landrieu to implement infrastructure plan**



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## **Toddler being reunited with family after found alone in Germantown**

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Montgomery County Police

**GERMANTOWN, Md. - UPDATE:** Police say a neighbor contacted police and the child is being reunited with his family.

**Authorities say the toddler got out of his home early this morning while his family was sleeping.**

A previous version of the story appears below:



Authorities are asking for help identifying a toddler found alone in [Germantown](#). [Montgomery County](#) Police say the young boy appears to be one or two years old and was found walking alone near Brandermill Road and Peridot Lane around 10:30 a.m Thursday.

The boy was dressed in gray pajamas with sloths, gray socks and was holding a brown teddy bear.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 301-279-8000.