

#### **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.

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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**

### 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.

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ME-TV NETWORK CHILDREN'S E/I PROGRAMMING				
SERIES NAME	SYNOPSES	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 teenaged 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 3rd Quarter 2021**:

- Sunday, July 4
- Sunday, July 11
- Sunday, July 18
- Sunday, July 25
- Sunday, Aug 1
- Sunday, Aug 8
- Sunday, Aug 15
- Sunday, Aug 22
- Sunday, Aug 29
- Sunday, Sept 5
- Sunday, Sept 12
- Sunday, Sept 19
- Sunday, Sept 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 July 1 to September 30, 2021.

#### WTTG/Channel 5

#### Program Information Report



- Fox 5 @ 4The 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

# Third QUARTER FOX NEWS SUNDAY GUESTS

#### Quarter 3

#### 2021

#### July 4, 2021

#### **Border/Foreign**

Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)

COVID

Dr. Tom Frieden

#### July 11, 2021

#### **Texas Voting**

TX Governor Greg Abbott (R)

#### **Foreign Policy**

Pentagon Press Secretary John Kirby

#### July 18, 2021

#### COVID

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy

#### Infrastructure

Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

#### July 25, 2021

#### **Infrastructure**

Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)

#### Infrastructure

Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA)

#### **January 6th Commission**

Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN)

#### August 1, 2021

#### COVID

NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins

#### **COVID / Masks / Schools**

SC Governor Henry McMaster (R)

#### Infrastructure / Economy

Director of the National Economic Council Brian Deese

#### August 8, 2021

#### Infrastructure

Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg

#### **Infrastructure / COVID**

Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)

#### August 15, 2021

#### <u>Afghanistan</u>

Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

#### COVID / Masks / Schools

NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins

#### August 22, 2021

#### <u>Afghanistan</u>

Secretary of State Antony Blinken

#### <u>Afghanistan</u>

Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)

#### COVID

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy

#### August 29, 2021

#### Afghanistan

National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan

#### Afghanistan

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

#### September 5, 2021

#### **Hurricane Ida / Climate**

FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell

#### <u>Afghanistan</u>

Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)

#### COVID

Dean of the Brown University School of Public Health Dr. Ashish Jha

#### **September 12, 2021**

#### **COVID Mandates**

NE Governor Pete Ricketts (R)

#### **New Book**

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer

#### **September 19, 2021**

#### **COVID / Boosters**

NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins

#### **Budget / Reconciliation**

Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY)

# SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING

Third Quarter 2021

*Crime Sept 13, 2021* 

# Police say no public safety threat in Anne Arundel County after report of armed teen in woods

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<u>CAPE ST. CLAIRE, Md.</u> - Residents sheltered in place in an <u>Anne Arundel</u> <u>County</u> neighborhood Monday morning after the window of a police vehicle was shattered by what officers originally believed was gunfire.

The incident was reported near Hilltop Drive and Cape St. Claire Road after police received a call from a woman who told them she spotted a boy in the woods armed with a handgun just before 9 a.m.



The woman told officers the teen appeared to be between 14 and 15 years old and was wearing a camouflage jacket. The woman said the teen told her he was in the wooded area "shooting small critters."

The woman went home and notified police who responded to the area. At a press conference, Anne Arundel County Police Lt. Jacklyn Davis said an officer who was on the perimeter of the area "heard a pop" just before the back windshield of his vehicle shattered. Police originally reported a shot being fired but Davis said it is unclear at this time what caused the window to shatter



Anne Arundel County police officer's car window shattered during search for armed teen

Anne Arundel County police are investigating after an officer's window was shot while they searched for a
teenager spotted with a handgun.

Davis said detectives believe they know where the teen is and remain in the area following a very strong lead. They are asking people in the neighborhood to use caution because of the heavy police presence but do not believe there is any threat to public safety. No injuries have been reported.

Broadneck High School principal Rachel Kennelly sent the following message to families:

"Due to an ongoing incident in the community, Broadneck High School is operating under our 'Lockout' protocols. All classes, including those in portables, have been brought inside. Operations are continuing as normal inside classrooms, and students are supervised.

Until further notice, students, parents and visitors will not be permitted to leaver or enter BHS. A follow-up message will be sent once the lockout is lifted."

This is a developing story. Stay with us for updates.



#### Anne Arundel County police looking for suspect who fired at cop car

A manhunt is underway in Anne Arundel County after a shot was fired at a police vehicle.



# Justice Breyer opposes politics surrounding Supreme Court, supports one possible reform

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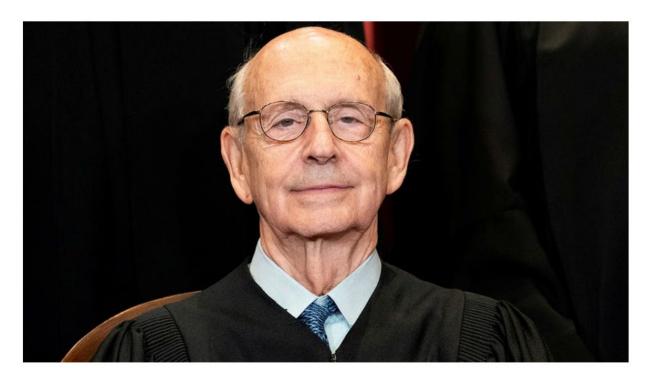
**WASHINGTON** - <u>Supreme Court</u> Justice Stephen Breyer, in a conversation with <u>"Fox News Sunday,"</u> lamented how politically charged the Supreme Court has become in terms of people's attitudes toward the judiciary, while expressing hope that the institution will not lose the faith of the public.

Breyer, 83, discussed an idea from his new book, "The Authority of the Court and the Peril of Politics," in which he quotes Alexander Hamilton in stating that unlike other branches of the federal government, the judicial branch relies on public acceptance to maintain its authority. Despite the political polarization of the country, Breyer is not ready to say that the court is in danger of losing that authority.

"I think, well, people understand to some degree why it's a good idea what Hamilton thought. And he thought the court should be there because there should be somebody – somebody who says when the other two branches of the government have gone outside the confines of this document," Breyer said, referring to the Constitution.

A number of Democrats have proposed taking away the current conservative majority on the court by expanding its size and allowing President Biden to appoint several liberal justices. Breyer warned that this is what could ultimately lead to the court losing the people's trust.

"Well, if one party could do it, I guess another party could do it," he said. "On the surface, it seems to me you start changing all these things around and people will lose trust in the court."



FILE PHOTO: Associate Justice Stephen Breyer poses during a group photo of the Justices at the Supreme Court in Washington, April 23, 2021. Erin Schaff/Pool via REUTERS/File Photo (Erin Schaff/Pool via REUTERS/File Photo)

One type of reform that Breyer is more open to is the idea of term limits instead of the current lifetime appointments.

"I think you could do that. It should be a very long-term because you don't want the judge who's holding that term the start thinking about his next job. But it would make life easier for me."

Breyer has made it clear that he does not intend to serve for the rest of his life. Two of his colleagues, Justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, remained on the bench until they died.

"I don't intend to die on the court. I don't think I'll be there forever," Breyer said Sunday.

There have been calls from the left for Breyer to step down while Democrats control the White House and Senate, ensuring that a liberal justice could take his place.

Breyer said there are "many consideration" that go into his decision-making about when to retire.

"There are many factors, in fact, quite a few," Breyer said. "And the role of court and so forth is one of them. And the situation, the institutional considerations are some. And I believe, I can't say I take anything perfectly into account, but in my own mind, I think about those things."

With those consideration in mind, he said, "I didn't retire because I decided on balance I wouldn't retire."

Breyer was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1993 by President Bill Clinton. The Senate confirmed him by a vote of 87-9. When asked if he would get as many votes in the current climate, Breyer said, "the answer is, of course, no."

The Senate confirmation process has become a largely partisan affair of late. In 2016, Republicans refused to hold hearings for President Barack Obama's nominee (and current Attorney General) Merrick Garland months before a presidential election. In October 2020 the GOP-led Senate swiftly confirmed Justice Amy Coney Barrett in roughly a month's time right before that year's election. Democrats launched fierce campaigns against Barrett and Trump's two other selections, Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.

"That's the political environment," Breyer said of the present state of affairs. "Now you may disapprove of it, I may disapprove of it, and if enough people in the public want it to change or be modified one way or the other, it will be."

Despite the politics through which many people view the court and the selection of justices, Breyer said that he serves the public as a whole, not a party.

"I'm there for everybody. I'm not just there for the Democrats. I'm not just there for the Republicans. And I'm not just there because the president was a Democrat who appointed me," he said. "It's a very great privilege to be in that job. And part of it is to remember that you're there for everyone. They won't like what you say half the time – or more. But you're still there for them."

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# 'Remain in Mexico': Supreme Court orders Biden administration to reinstate Trump-era policy

By Mark Sherman
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**WASHINGTON** - The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to block a court ruling ordering the Biden administration to reinstate a Trump-era policy that forces people to wait in Mexico while seeking asylum in the U.S.

With the three liberal justices in dissent, the court said the administration likely violated federal law in its efforts to rescind the program informally known as Remain in Mexico.

It's not clear how many people will be affected and how quickly. Under the lower court ruling, the administration must make a "good faith effort" to restart the program.

There also is nothing preventing the administration from trying again to end the program, formally called Migrant Protection Protocols.



FILE - Migrants arrive to El Ceibo, Guatemala, on Aug. 19, 2021, after being deported from the US and Mexico.

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A federal judge in Texas had previously ordered that the program be reinstated last week. Both he and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused the administration's request to put the ruling on hold.

Justice Samuel Alito ordered a brief delay to allow the full court time to consider the administration's appeal to keep the ruling on hold while the case continues to make its way through the courts.

The 5th Circuit ordered expedited consideration of the administration's appeal.

The court offered little explanation for its action, although it cited its opinion from last year rejecting the Trump administration's effort to end another immigration program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. In that case, the court held that the decision to end DACA was "arbitrary and capricious," in violation of federal law.

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The administration has "failed to show a likelihood of success on the claim that the memorandum rescinding the Migrant Protection Protocols was not arbitrary and capricious," the court wrote Tuesday in an unsigned order.

The three dissenting justices, Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, did not write an opinion expressing their views of the case.

The American Civil Liberties Union called on the administration to present a fuller rationale for ending Remain in Mexico that could withstand court scrutiny.

"The government must take all steps available to fully end this illegal program, including by re-terminating it with a fuller explanation. What it must not do is use this decision as cover for abandoning its commitment to restore a fair asylum system," said Omar Jadwat, director of the ACLU's immigrant rights project.

# **RELATED:** Overwhelmed Texas border community begins busing migrants to Austin

During Donald Trump's presidency, the policy required tens of thousands of migrants seeking asylum in the U.S. to turn back to Mexico. It was meant to discourage asylum seekers but critics said it denied people the legal right to seek protection in the U.S. and forced them to wait in dangerous Mexican border cities.

The judge, U.S. District Judge Judge Matthew J. Kacsmaryk in Amarillo, Texas, ordered that the program be reinstated in response to a lawsuit filed by the states of Texas and Missouri, whose governors have been seeking to reinstate some of the hard-line anti-immigration policies of the Trump administration.

The Biden administration argued in briefs that the president has "clear authority to determine immigration policy" and that Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas had discretion in deciding whether to return asylum seekers to Mexico.

The policy has been dormant for more than a year and the administration argued that abruptly reinstating it "would prejudice the United States' relations with vital regional partners, severely disrupt its operations at the southern border, and threaten to create a diplomatic and humanitarian crisis."

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The Trump administration largely stopped using the "Remain in Mexico" policy at the start of the pandemic, at which point it began turning back virtually everyone crossing the Southwest border under a different protocol — a public health order that remains in effect.

President Joe Biden suspended the program on his first day of office and the Homeland Security Department ended it in June.

Kacsmaryk was nominated to the federal bench by Trump. The 5th Circuit panel that ruled Thursday night included two Trump appointees, Andrew Oldham and Cory Wilson, along with Jennifer Walker Elrod, nominated to the appeals court by President George W. Bush.

At the high court, at least five of the six conservative justices, including three Trump appointees, voted for the restart of the program. Under the court's opaque treatment of emergency appeals, the justices don't always say publicly how they voted.

### 2-alarm fire at Hood College damages campus building

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#### 2-alarm fire at Hood College damages campus building

A two-alarm fire has damaged the oldest building on the campus of Hood College.

**FREDERICK, Md.** - A two-alarm fire has damaged the oldest building on the campus of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland..



The fire was reported just before 2 a.m. Thursday in the 500 block of Broadbeck Drive at Brodbeck Hall.

School officials say the fire started in a classroom. No injuries were reported and the cause is still under investigation.

Brodbeck Hall is the oldest building on the college's campus and houses the school's music facilities.

Hood President Andrea Chapdelaine released the following statement:

"Brodbeck holds a special place as the oldest building on our campus. Although we don't yet know the cause or the extent of the damage, it appears that the fire was primarily contained to the third floor. We are saddened by this event, but we must remember that the safety of our community is what is most important. We are so grateful to the quick response of campus safety and the FCFR for their service."







Broadbeck Hall - Hood College update | bulk of the fire knocked | crews continue working on extinguishing remaining fire spots



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### Mass vaccination sites reopening across Northern Virginia

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Mass vaccination sites reopening across Northern Virginia

Mass vaccination sites are making a comeback in Northern Virginia.

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, Va. (FOX 5 DC)** - Mass vaccination sites are making a comeback in Northern Virginia.

"We gave the county executive the ability to enter into leases so we are ready to have the sites ready for whatever comes in the next month or two," Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chair-At-Large Ann Wheeler explained Thursday.

As previously reported by Inside Nova, this week county officials decided to once again rent out the two locations that had been home to their mass vaccination sites that closed earlier this summer. One was located at the old Gander Mountain store in Woodbridge, the other at Manassas Mall.

Wheeler said they're essentially trying to stay ahead of the game, with county staff anticipating the need for booster shots as well as younger children potentially being able to get the vaccine soon too.

# MORE FROM FOX 5: Biden tightens COVID-19 vaccine mandate on federal workers, contractors

"Over the last 90 days we had 24 residents pass away from COVID-19, and that's in my mind 24 too many," Wheeler told FOX 5. "And so if we're going to go with the booster program to help those who are either at more risk or if they find that we need boosters, I'm all in on making sure that we vaccinate our way out of this."

Wheeler said details of when the sites will be up and running are still being worked out.

# Montgomery County apartment fire leaves several injured and others displaced

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#### Montgomery County apartment fire leaves several injured and others displaced

Several people were injured and some residents were displaced after a fire at a Montgomery County apartment building.

**ASPEN HILL, Md.** - Several people were injured and some residents were displaced after a fire at a <u>Montgomery County</u> apartment building.







ICYMI (~10p 9/7) 3900blk Bel Pre Rd, Aspen Hill, @MontgomeryCoMD 4-level garden apartment building, @mcfrs FFs arrived & encountered fire in top floor apartment w/ fire showing. @MCFRS\_EMIHS evaluated & transported at least 2 patients, FFs assisted several residents out of bldg





The two-alarm fire was reported Tuesday night around 10 p.m. at the Grand Bel II Condos in Aspen Hill.

Officials say fire was spotted in a top floor apartment of the four-level complex when they arrived. Emergency crews transported two people to the hospital and firefighters assisted several residents out of the building.





### School districts continue to deal with bus driver shortages and delays

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#### School districts continue to deal with bus driver shortages and delays

It's a mess! That's how some are describing the school bus shortage issues that are plaguing parts of the D.C. region as the year gets started.

CAPITOL HEIGHTS, Md. - It's a mess! That's how some are describing the school bus shortage issues that are plaguing parts of the D.C. region as the year gets started. FOX 5's Maureen Umeh was in <u>Prince George's County Monday</u> where she says one parent drove away disgusted after waiting with their child for over an hour for a school bus that never came.

Umeh says the Prince George's County school system is still trying to fill over 200 bus driver positions.

# BUS ISSUES CONTINUE: PARENTS NAVIGATING HOW TO GET THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL SAFELY

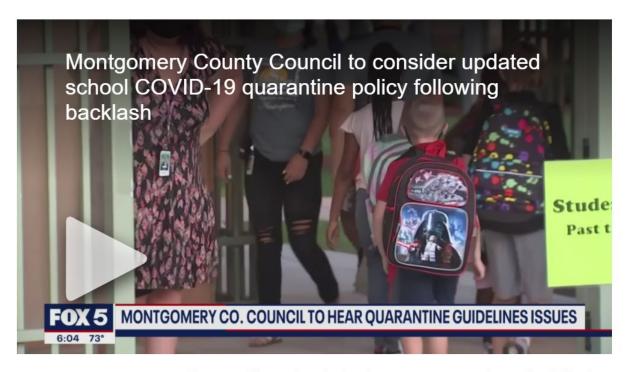
In addition to the bus delays, some parents are experiencing frustration when dropping off and picking up students from school. "When you pick up - they close off the street and create congestion and chaos in here. There's no staff out here to assist the children. They're walking across in the middle of traffic. It is completely unsafe situation," said a parent outside of Walker Mill Middle School in Capitol Heights. "It's a terrible situation and hopefully they can get it resolved quickly."

Last week, Prince George's County Public Schools told FOX 5 their bus driver had the wrong routes which resulted in students being driven all around DC. Eventually, the bus was pulled over by a U.S. Park Police after students felt unsafe when the bus driver allegedly told them to "sit back and enjoy the ride" even though they knew they weren't heading in the right direction.

# Montgomery County Council briefing to discuss school COVID-19 quarantine policy following backlash

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Montgomery County Council to consider updated school COVID-19 quarantine policy following backlash

Montgomery County Public Schools is expected to propose a new COVID-19 plan following backlash over its quarantine policy.

**ROCKVILLE, Md.** - <u>Montgomery County</u> Public Schools is expected to discuss a new <u>COVID-19</u> plan Tuesday at a briefing before the Montgomery County Council following backlash over its quarantine policy.



#### COVID-19 quarantine policy briefing scheduled before Montgomery County Council

Montgomery County Council President Tom Hucker discusses a briefing to hear possible changes to the school system's quarantine policy.

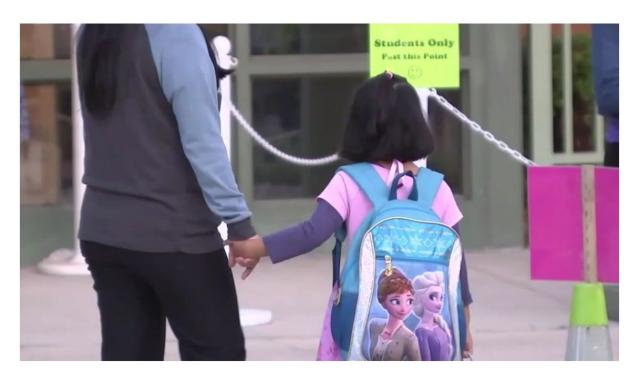
Last week, school officials said they will begin using COVID-19 rapid tests in all schools as they try to keep more students in the classroom amid a nationwide surge in coronavirus cases.



Many Montgomery County parents are frustrated that entire classes are being sent home when only one student shows a single symptom – even if they haven't tested positive for COVID-19.

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEADERS ADDRESS QUARANTINE ISSUES IN SCHOOLS

"MCPS' decision to quarantine close contacts of a student with COVID-19 symptoms was based on guidance from our local health department. While the state guidance does not require these students to quarantine until a positive test result is obtained, DHHS advises a different strategy for that category of students," said a statement released last week by MCPS Interim Superintendent Monifa McKnight.



# UNCERTAINTY LOOMS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS SEARCH FOR NEW CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER CONTINUES

"The use of these tests, in conjunction with the other safety measures we have in place, will hopefully help us keep more students in school," McKnight's statement continued. "We will be receiving further guidance from DHHS on the implementation of this rapid testing program and will provide information to you as quickly as possible."

Tuesday's meeting comes as Montgomery County <u>searches for their next chief health</u> <u>officer</u> to replace Dr. Travis Gayles.



### Nicholas upgraded to hurricane as it heads for Texas Gulf Coast

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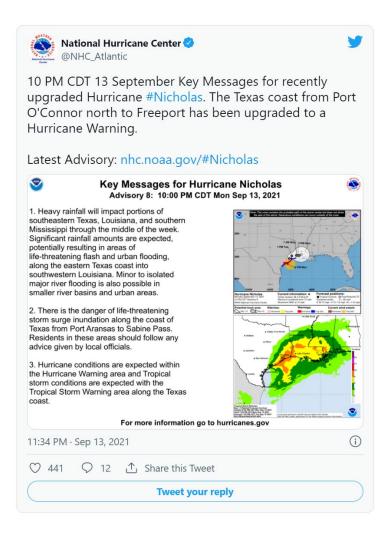
Nicholas strengthened into a Category 1 hurricane Monday as it headed toward landfall along the Texas Gulf Coast and it was expected to bring heavy rain and floods to coastal areas from Mexico to storm-battered Louisiana.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said top sustained winds reached 75 mph (120 kph). It was traveling north-northeast at 10 mph (17 kph) on a forecast track to pass near Matagorda Bay in the upper Texas Gulf Coast later Monday, then move onshore along the Southeast Texas coast into Tuesday evening.

Heavy rainfall will impact parts of southeastern Texas, Louisiana and southern Mississippi through the middle of the week, according to the NHC.

"The Texas coast from Port O'Connor north to Freeport has been upgraded to a Hurricane Warning," the NHC tweeted Monday night.

A tropical storm warning was issued for Port Aransas to Sabine Pass, as well as a storm surge warning for Port Aransas to Sabine Pass, including Galveston, Aransas, San Antonio and Matagorda bays. A storm surge watch is in effect from Sabine Pass to Rutherford Beach, Louisiana.







This image provided by NOAA shows the predicted path of Tropical Storm Nicholas, as of early Monday. (Credit: NOAA)

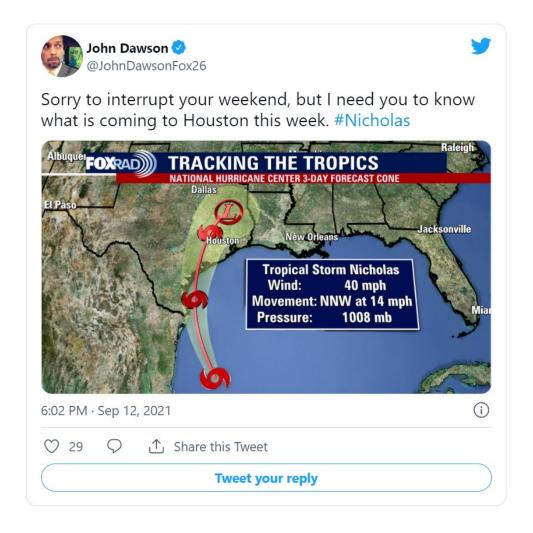
"Nicholas is forecast to approach the middle Texas coast as a strong tropical storm by this evening and could be near hurricane intensity at landfall," the NHC said.

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At dusk Monday, Nicholas was centered roughly 35 miles (60 kilometers) south-southwest of Matagorda, Texas, and a hurricane watch was issued from Port Aransas to San Luis Pass.

Six to 12 inches (15 to 30 centimeters) of rain were expected along the middle and upper Texas coast, with isolated maximum amounts of 18 inches (46 centimeters) possible. Other parts of southeast Texas and south-central Louisiana and southern Mississippi could see 4 to 8 inches (10 to 20 centimeters) over the coming days.

"Significant rainfall amounts are possible, potentially resulting in areas of considerable flash and urban flooding, especially in highly urbanized metropolitan areas," the NHC said.



Several schools in the Houston and Galveston area <u>were closed Monday</u> because of the incoming storm.

"This is a storm that could leave heavy rain, as well as wind and probably flooding, in various different regions along the Gulf Coast. We urge you to listen to local weather alerts, heed local warnings," Abbot <u>said in a video message</u>.





Tropical Storm Nicholas could leave heavy rain, wind & possible flooding in various regions along the Gulf Coast.

The state began mobilizing resources on Saturday to support local officials.

Heed warnings from local officials and be sure to avoid high water.

Stay safe, Texas.



Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards on Sunday night declared a state of emergency ahead of the storm's arrival in a state still recovering from Hurricane Ida and last year's Hurricane Laura and historic flooding.

"The most severe threat to Louisiana is in the southwest portion of the state, where recovery from Hurricane Laura and the May flooding is ongoing. In this area heavy rain and flash flooding are possible. However, it is also likely that all of south Louisiana will see heavy rain this week, including areas recently affected by Hurricane Ida," Edwards said.

The storm was expected to bring the heaviest rainfall west of where Hurricane Ida slammed into Louisiana two weeks ago. Although forecasters did not expect Louisiana to suffer from strong winds again, meteorologist Bob Henson at Yale Climate Connections predicted rainfall could still plague places where the hurricane toppled homes, paralyzed electrical and water infrastructure and left at least 26 people dead.

"There could be several inches of rain across southeast Louisiana, where Ida struck," Henson said in an email.

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Immediately after Ida, more than one million customers across Louisiana and Mississippi had been left without power. Across Louisiana, just over 115,000 customers remained in the dark early Monday, according to the utility tracking site <u>poweroutage.us</u>.

While Lake Charles received a minimal impact from Ida, the city saw multiple wallops from Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta in 2020, a winter storm in February as well as historic flooding this spring.

"We are still a very battered city," Lake Charles Mayor Nic Hunter said.

He said the city is taking the threat of the storm seriously, as it does all tropical systems.

"Hope and prayer is not a good game plan," Hunter said.

Nicholas is the 14th named storm of 2021 Atlantic hurricane season, according to Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach. Only four other years since 1966 have had 14 or more named storms by Sept. 12: 2005, 2011, 2012 and 2020.

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# Children's National Hospital approaching capacity as COVID-19 cases surge

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**WASHINGTON** - Children's National Hospital on Monday said they're approaching capacity as <u>COVID-19</u> cases surge in the <u>District</u> – and across the country.

Hospital officials that more than 320 beds are being used – with 22 of them occupied by patients with the novel coronavirus.

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#### Children's National Hospital approaching capacity as COVID-19 cases surge

Children's National Hospital on Monday said they're approaching capacity as COVID-19 cases surge in the District – and across the country.

Previously, the hospital had seen only 18 COVID-19 patients at the height of the pandemic.

Children's National Executive Vice President David Wessel said that the hospital is also seeing a higher number of patients with RSV – and the cases are appearing much earlier than in a normal year.

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Wessel emphasized that the hospital had planned for a surge – and while they're busy, they're still prepared to help families that need their care.