



### **Religious Programming**

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

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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

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020:

- Sunday, Jul 5
- Sunday, Jul 12
- Sunday, Jul 19
- Sunday, Jul 26
- Sunday, Aug 2
- Sunday, Aug 9
- Sunday, Aug 16
- Sunday, Aug 23
- Sunday, Aug 30
- Sunday, Sept 6
- Sunday, Sept 13
- Sunday, Sept 20
- Sunday, Sept 27



## 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 Sept 30, 2020.

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

# 3rd QUARTER

## FOX NEWS SUNDAY GUESTS

### Quarter 3

#### July 5, 2020

##### **Jobs/Economy**

Sec. Eugene Scalia

##### **Coronavirus**

Dr. Ashish Jha

Russia

Sen. Jack Reed

#### July 12, 2020

##### **Schools reopening**

Sec. Betsy DeVos

##### **Coronavirus**

Dr. Tom Inglesby

#### July 19, 2020

**President Donald Trump**

#### July 26, 2020

##### **Stimulus Bill:**

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin

##### **Coronavirus:**

Dr. Tom Frieden

Violence in Cities:

Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas

#### August 2, 2020

##### **Veepstakes:**

Sen. Tammy Duckworth

Rep. Karen Bass

##### **Trump Campaign:**

Jason Miller

#### August 9, 2020

##### **Coronavirus Relief Bill:**

Speaker Nancy Pelosi

##### **Coronavirus Relief Bill:**

Sec. Steven Mnuchin

#### August 16, 2020

##### **Dem Convention:**

Gov. Phil Murphy (D-NJ)

##### **Trump Campaign:**

Steve Cortes



**August 23, 2020**

**RNC Convention/WH**

Mark Meadows

**Biden Campaign:**

Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)

**August 30, 2020**

**Trump Campaign:**

Lara Trump

**Biden Campaign:**

Kate Bedingfield

**September 6, 2020**

**Economy:**

Sec. Steven Mnuchin

**Biden Campaign:**

Symone Sanders

**September 13, 2020**

**Trump Campaign:**

Steve Cortes

**Biden Campaign:**

Jake Sullivan

**September 20, 2020**

**SCOTUS**

Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)

Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)

**Covid and Goalkeepers Report:**

Bill Gates

**September 27, 2020**

**SCOTUS:**

Sec. Eugene Scalia

Sen. Debbie Stabenow

Sen. John Kennedy

Laurence Tribe

Ken Starr

# SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING

## Third Quarter 2020

*Crime*

*Sept 24, 2020*

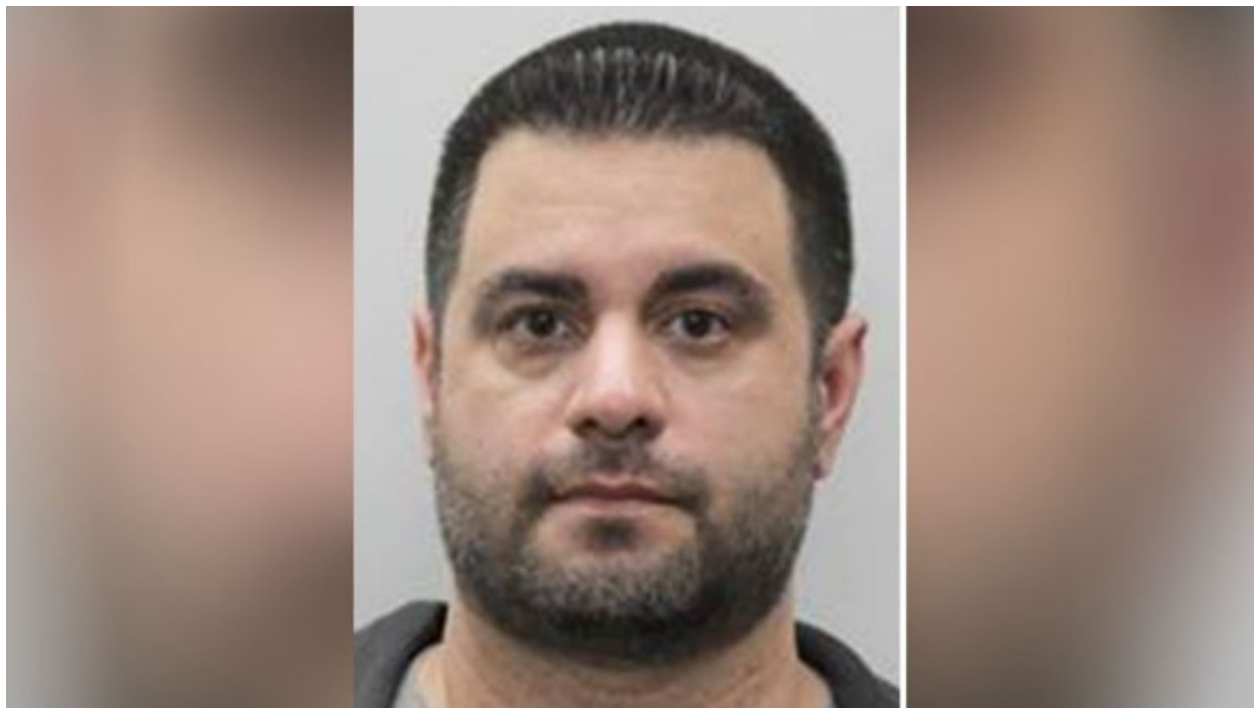
### **Fairfax County principal failed to report suspect accused of sex crimes involving children, police say**

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Fairfax County

FOX 5 DC

*Link:* <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/fairfax-county-principal-failed-to-report-suspect-accused-of-sex-crimes-involving-children-police-say>



**FAIRFAX COUNTY, Va.** - A [Fairfax County](#) middle school principal is facing criminal charges for failing to report sex abuse allegations to the authorities.

According to police, Thoreau Middle School Principal Yusef Azimi was made aware of abuse involving former teacher Matthew Snell in October 2019.

**READ MORE: Fairfax County teacher arrested at the border on child sex charges, police say**

They say Azimi declined to notify the police of Child Protective Services, however.

Azimi's arrest arrived in the midst of what police described as an exhaustive investigation into former teacher Matthew Snell – who was charged last year for alleged sex crimes involving children.

**READ MORE: 3 teachers in DC region accused of preying on students**

Snell was arrested in 2019 when the authorities caught him in El Paso, allegedly trying to escape to Mexico.

Snell was a learning-disabilities teacher in Fairfax County.

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Police began investigating after the victim's parents discovered inappropriate text messages with Snell.

Azimi was charged and released after posting \$3,000 bond.

*Local Politics*  
*Sept 24, 2020*

## **Demonstrators gather outside home of Mitch McConnell over efforts to fill Supreme Court seat**

By FOX 5 Digital Team  
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Politics  
FOX 5 DC

Link: <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/demonstrators-gather-outside-home-of-mitch-mcconnell-over-efforts-to-fill-supreme-court-seat>



### *Demonstrators gather outside home of Mitch McConnell over efforts to fill Supreme Court seat*

Demonstrators gathered outside of Mitch McConnell's house in Washington, D.C. Thursday after the Senate Majority Leader said he will press to confirm President Trump's Supreme Court nominee to fill the opening following the death of justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Ginsburg died on Friday at age 87. She was remembered on Wednesday at the Supreme Court where long lines of mourners waited outside to pass by her flag-draped casket to pay their respects. Ginsburg's body will also lie in state Friday in Statuary Hall at the Capitol. She served for 27 years on the court.

Trump and his Senate allies are preparing to push ahead with a replacement for Ginsburg. In 2016, McConnell blocked review of President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominee, Merrick Garland, saying it was a presidential election year.

On Wednesday, protesters demonstrated outside the home of Sen. Lindsey Graham over his efforts to fill Supreme Court seat.

*National Politics*  
*Sept 23, 2020*

## **Nation says farewell to late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

By Tom Fitzgerald and Evan Lambert

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Updated 17 hours ago

Politics

FOX 5 DC

Link: <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/nation-says-farewell-to-late-supreme-court-justice-ruth-bader-ginsburg>



*Nation says farewell to late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

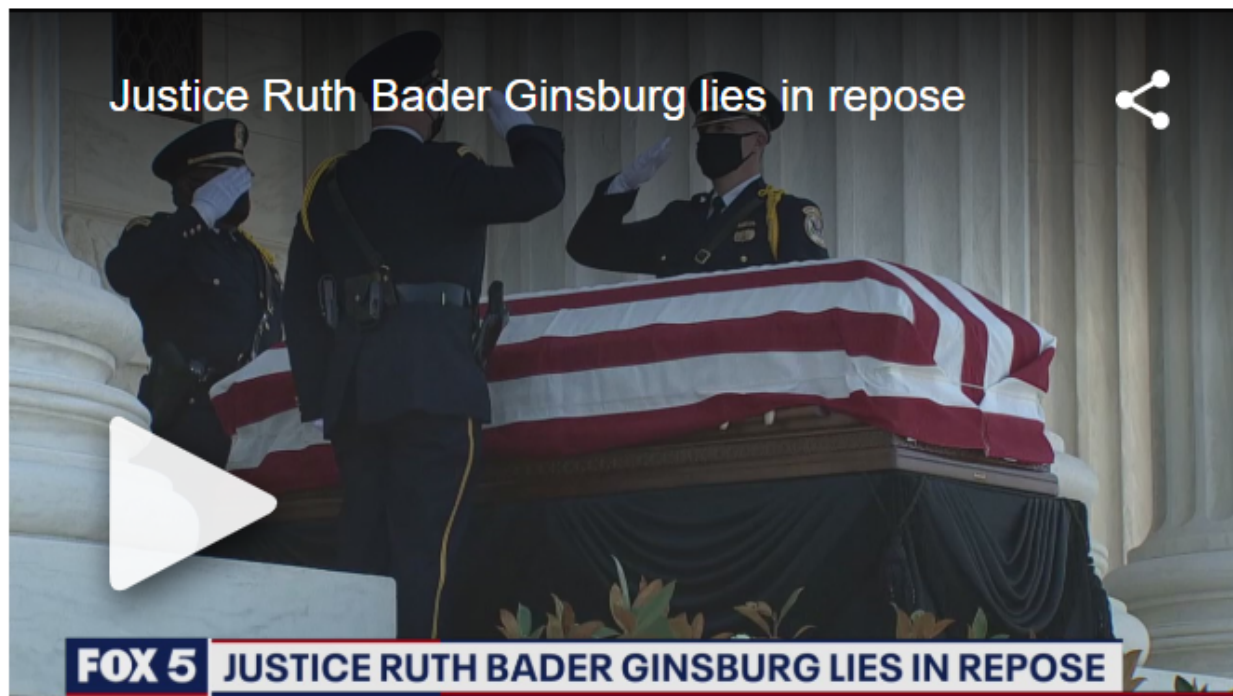
The public continues to pay respects to Supreme Court justice and feminist icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg tonight.

**WASHINGTON (FOX 5 DC)** - Thousands of people are expected to pay their respects at the Supreme Court to the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the women's rights champion, leader of the court's liberal bloc and feminist icon who died last week.

**RELATED: Late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to lie in repose this week**

Even with the court closed to the public because of the coronavirus pandemic and [Washington](#) already consumed with talk of Ginsburg's replacement, the justice's former colleagues, family, close friends and the public will have the chance Wednesday and Thursday to pass by the casket of the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

The sad occasion is expected to bring together the remaining eight justices for the first time since the building was closed in March and they resorted to meetings by telephone.



#### *Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg lies in repose*

Tonight, DC says goodbye to 'RBG.' Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's casket is atop the steps of the US Supreme Court right now. All day long, thousands of mourners have been streaming by in a procession in honor of the legendary legal and feminist icon.

Ginsburg will lie in repose for two days at the court where she served for 27 years and, before that, argued six cases for gender equality in the 1970s.

Following a private ceremony Wednesday in the court's Great Hall, her casket will be moved outside the building to the top of the court's front steps so that public mourners can pay their respects in line with public health guidance for the pandemic.

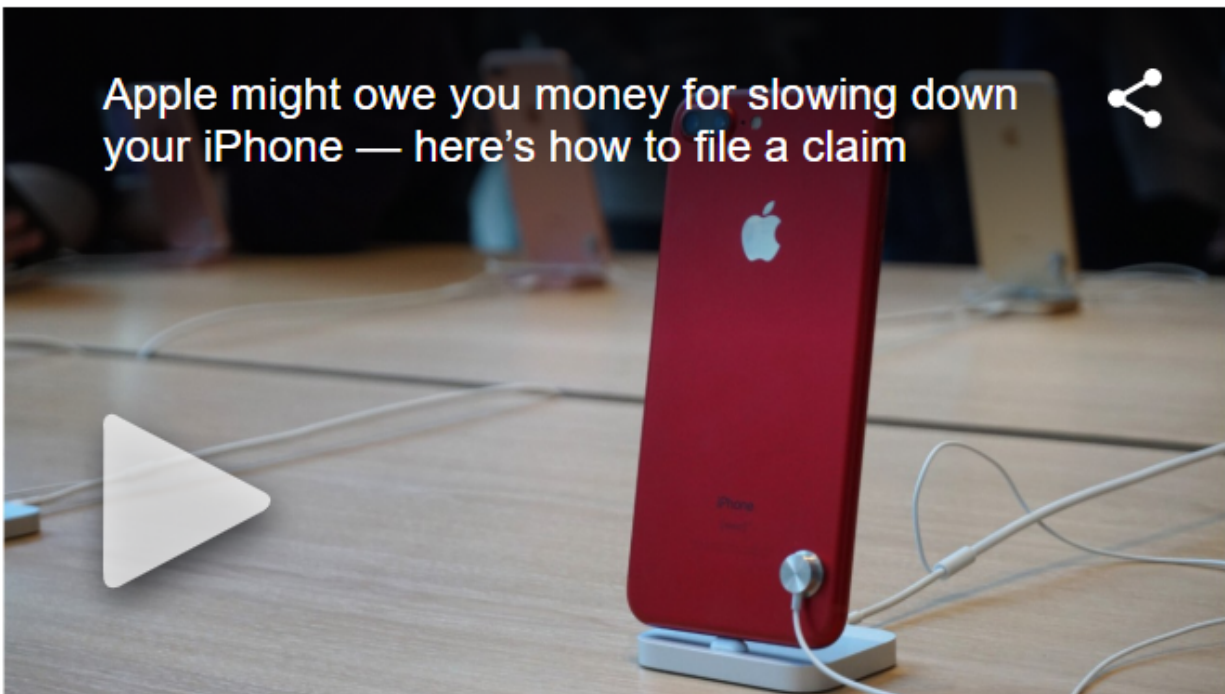
Since her death Friday evening, people have been leaving flowers, notes, placards and all manner of Ginsburg paraphernalia outside the court in tribute to the woman who became known in her final years as the “Notorious RBG.” Court workers cleared away the items and cleaned the court plaza and sidewalk in advance of Wednesday's ceremony.

*Community*  
*July 19, 2020*

## **Comcast extends free internet services for low-income families through end of 2020**

By Catherine Park  
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Updated July 21  
Consumer  
FOX TV Digital Team

Link: <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/comcast-extends-free-internet-services-for-low-income-families-through-end-of-2020>



*Apple might owe you money for slowing down your iPhone — here's how to file a claim*

Apple customers who purchased certain older iPhone models can now collect about \$25 per phone, according to the settlement of a class-action lawsuit that accused the company of slowing down older devices.

Comcast announced on Saturday that it will be extending free internet services with their Internet Essentials package, which will be available to new and/or eligible customers.

The offer was originally set to expire on June 30, but the company elected to extend it through the end of the year amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



**RELATED: AT&T waives internet overage charges through September 30 as COVID-19 cases surge in US**

Comcast also plans to continue to waive the requirement for customers to be clear of past-due balances on their account in order to allow them to qualify for the extension.

“For almost a decade, Comcast has been helping to level the playing field for families in need so they can benefit from all the Internet has to offer. So, we’re happy to be able to extend this 60 days of free Internet service to new customers,” said Dana Strong, president of Xfinity Consumer Services. “Now more than ever, connectivity has become a vital tool for families to access educational resources for students, important news and information about their community and the world, telehealth applications, or to stay in touch with family and friends.”

The company hopes to help bridge the gap for students who are learning from home and don’t have the same “digital equity” as their fellow alumni.

Comcast’s Internet Essentials initiative began in 2011 and has connected more than two million low-income families to the internet, according to [a news release](#).

The offer may come as welcome news as millions of students in the United States learned Friday that they are unlikely to return to classrooms full-time in the fall because of cases surging throughout the states.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

*Health*  
*August 25, 2020*

## **Salmonella outbreak linked to peaches across 9 states, including Maryland, Virginia**

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Recalls  
FOX Business

**Link:** <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/salmonella-outbreak-linked-to-peaches-across-9-states-including-maryland-virginia>



(Photo by Karol Serewis/SOPA Images/LightRocket via Getty Images)

A salmonella outbreak linked to peaches has been reported across nine states and two provinces in Canada, officials say.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a food safety alert over recalled peaches supplied from Prima Wawona and Wawona Packing Company, according to [Fox Business](#).

As of Aug. 19, a total of 68 infections and 14 hospitalizations were reported in the U.S. People in Minnesota and Michigan reported the most illnesses, followed by Iowa

and New York and then Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, [Maryland](#), and [Virginia](#). No deaths have been reported.

Officials in Canada also issued a warning, saying the ongoing outbreak resulted in 33 illnesses in Ontario and Quebec. Three people were hospitalized and no deaths were reported. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency told consumers not to eat, use, sell or serve any recalled peaches from Prima Wawona from the U.S., or any products made with the peaches.

### **READ MORE: Brach's launches 'turkey dinner' flavored candy corn**

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The CDC is also advising consumers not to eat, serve, or sell these recalled loose or bagged peaches.

### **READ MORE: Wegmans grocery stores including Maryland, Virginia recall lemons, oranges, other food over listeria concern**

Retailers that sold these peaches include Aldi, Kroger, Target, Walmart, and Wegmans, but other retailers may have sold these peaches, too.

The CDC said the peaches were sold in grocery stores through Aug. 3, usually in loose bins for shoppers to select.

Officials also advise consumers to sanitize places where the peaches were stored, like refrigerator doors, shelves, and countertops.

Salmonella infections usually result in stomach cramps, fever, and diarrhea up to six days after exposure. While most people recover without treatment, sometimes severe illnesses require hospitalization because the infection can spread from the intestines to the bloodstream and then elsewhere in the body.

[Click here](#) to see more information on the contaminated peaches.

*Housing*  
*Sept 22, 2020*

## **DC ‘Streatery’ grant aims to keep restaurants in business this winter, mayor’s office says**

By Stephanie Ramirez  
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Updated 5 hours ago  
Washington, D.C.  
FOX 5 DC

**Link:** <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/dc-streatery-grant-aims-to-keep-restaurants-in-business-this-winter-mayors-office-says>



### *Winterizing ‘Streateries’ with Federal money*

Mayor Muriel Bowser's office officially announced a grant program that will help restaurant owners 'winterize' outdoor spaces in an effort to keep the restaurants and businesses that heavily relied on 'Streatery' outdoor summer spaces afloat as we push into the cooler months.

**WASHINGTON (FOX 5 DC) -** On Monday, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's office officially announced a grant program that will help restaurant owners “winterize” outdoor spaces in an effort to keep the restaurants and businesses that heavily relied on “Streatery” outdoor summer spaces afloat as we push into the cooler months.

Starting Monday, Sept. 21, food retailers and restaurant owners, non-food retailers that have an active or temporary Sidewalk Café Permit or Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) Summer Garden spaces can now apply for a one-time \$6,000 grant to pay for heat lamps, tents, lighting, propane tanks – items needed to “winterize” those businesses’ outdoor spaces.

The Mayor’s Office of Nightlife and Culture announced the \$4 million “Streatery Winter Ready Grant” program over the weekend. FOX 5 is told the money for this grant comes from federal CARES Act funding.

Mission DuPont’s co-owner Reed Landry tells FOX 5 the streatery outside of his DuPont store absolutely helped with business over the summer months. He applied as soon as he learned of the opportunity.



Il Canale restaurant is open for outdoor dining in Georgetown, Washington, DC, May 30, 2020. (Photo by Evelyn Hockstein/For The Washington Post via Getty Images)

Landry said he doesn’t exactly know yet how they’ll “winterize” the space yet, they need to talk to contractors about it – he also says the \$6,000 grant is not going to pay for everything, but, yes, he does welcome the help.

“I think the city’s just doing what they can to support restaurants as they go into what’s going to be [a] really unpredictable period over the next several months as far as what happens with the virus, what happens with dining happens and what happens with the weather of course, is just a huge-huge unknown,” Landry said.

The Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington’s CEO and president said on Monday that the region has seen about 80 restaurants close permanently amid restrictions put in place to stall the spread of the novel coronavirus.

“\$6,000 is better than zero. That’s first and foremost. The other thing is that I feel that there is this notion that there is all of this money somewhere that people are hoarding and hanging onto. \$6,000 is a push in the right direction. And from the very beginning I have been pushing everyone and anyone who has the ability to give relief, to do anything possible,” Hollinger said.

She commended the mayor’s team for providing owners the assistance. She’s also pushing for the area’s other jurisdictions – Montgomery and Prince George’s County, Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria and others, to do the same.

Around 600 businesses will be able to apply.

As of September 18th, the mayor’s office says: “the District has approved 594 temporary outdoor dining permits (streeteries), including 473 restaurants with new or expanded outdoor dining on public space, 20 retailers, 5 plazas and 4 alleys.” The District also currently has around 435 Summer Gardens.

DC leaders also say the district will relax fees to use the outdoor spaces and will extend current insurance requirements through January 1, 2022.

Business owners who would like to apply have from now until October 31st, or until the winter ready grant funds run out, to apply.

You can do so by visiting the District's [business recovery page](#).

*Transportation*  
*Sept 16, 2020*

## **Capital COVID-19 Transit Tracker helps find safest time to ride public transportation**

By Bob Barnard  
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FOX 5 DC

**Link:** <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/capital-covid-19-transit-tracker-helps-find-safest-time-to-ride-public-transportation>



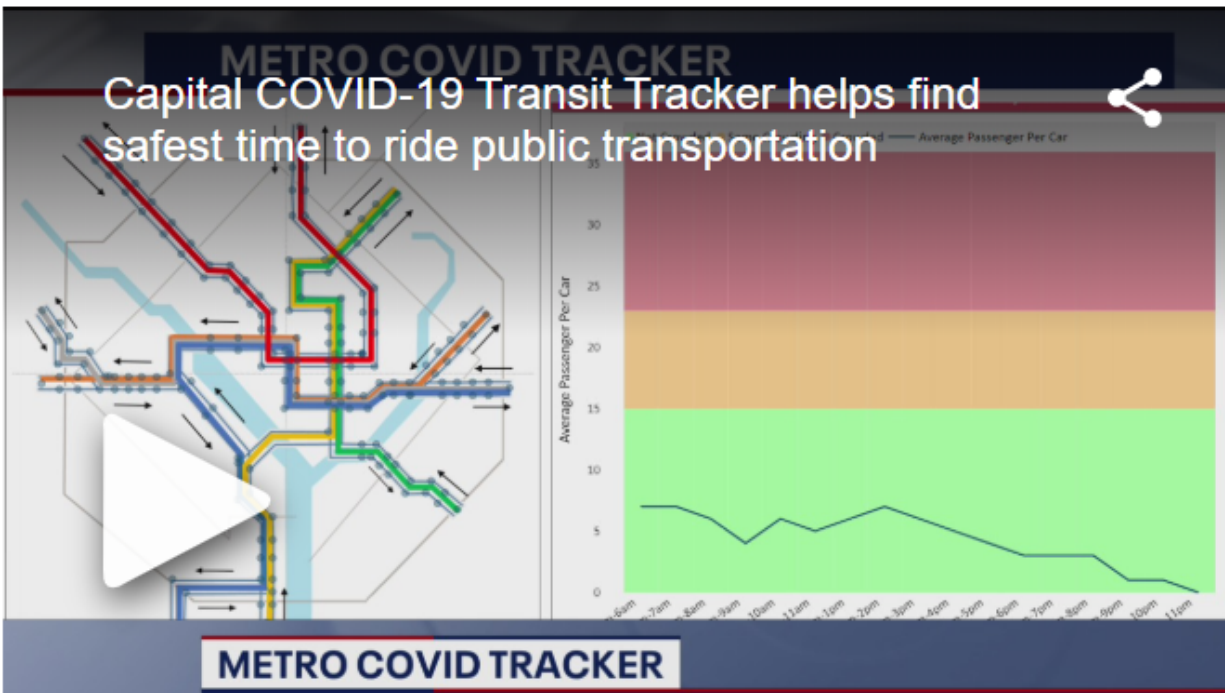
*Keeping riders safe with Capital COVID-19 Transit Tracker*

Joe McAndrew, managing director of transportation for the Greater Washington Partnership, explains the new Capital COVID-19 Transit Tracker designed to help keep riders safe.



*Capital COVID-19 Transit Tracker helps find safe travel times*

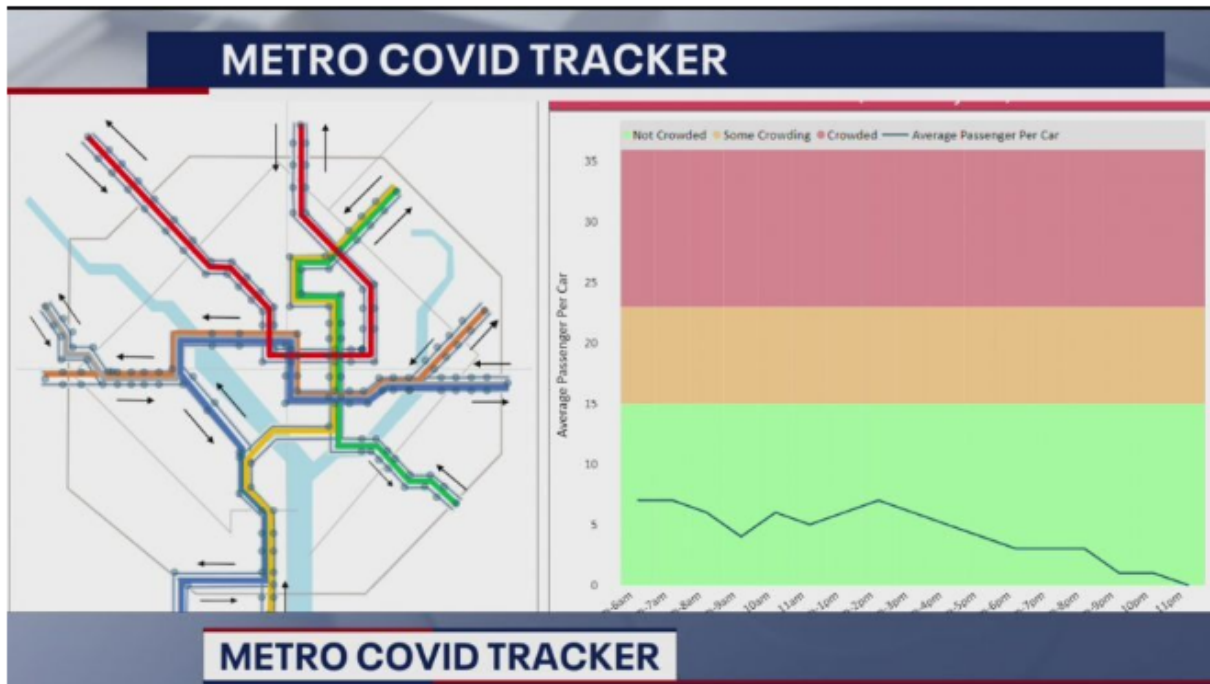
The Greater Washington Partnership has created a new tool to help transit riders make decisions about how to safely use public transportation.



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Dashboards let users view transit crowding of the WMATA Metrorail network, stations, lines and bus networks.

The Capital COVID-19 Transit Tracker will be updated as data is made available – an estimated twice per month for Metrorail data and every other month for the other systems.

MORE RESOURCES:

[Your coronavirus questions answered](#)

[Coronavirus: Symptoms, testing and how to prepare amid growing COVID-19 outbreak](#)

[LIVE: Interactive map tracks global spread of COVID-19](#)

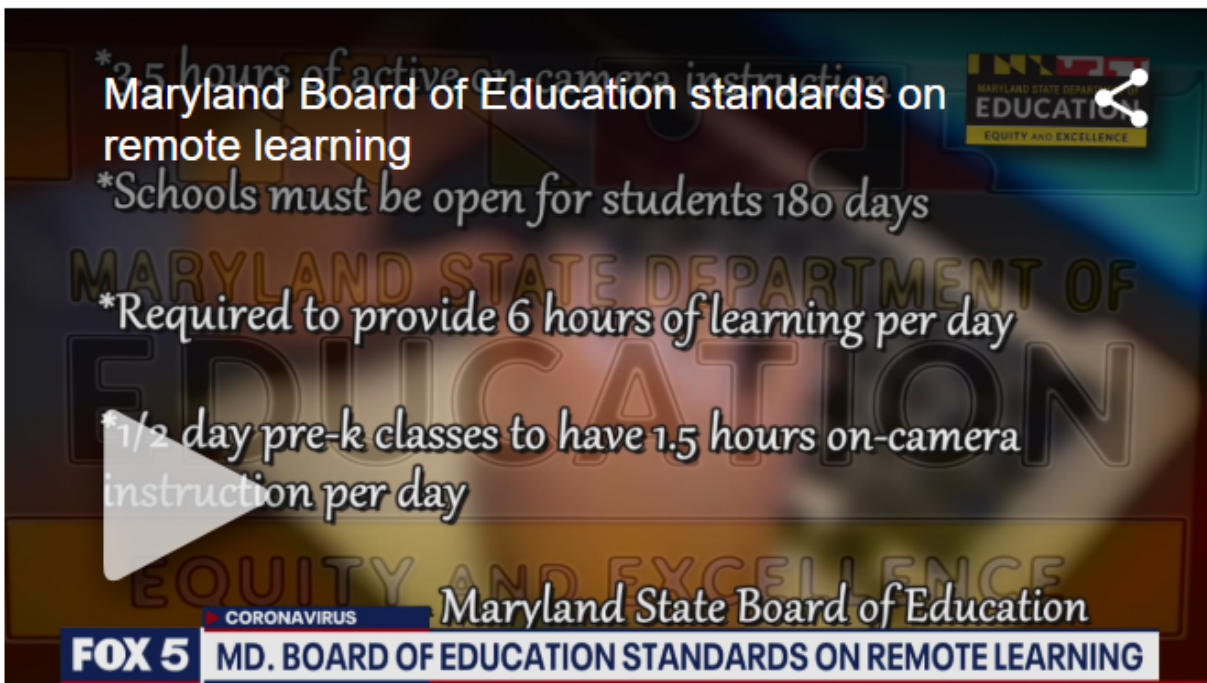
[How to help during the coronavirus pandemic](#)

*Education*  
*Sept 1, 2020*

## **Board of education lays out timeline for Maryland schools to comply with new virtual learning guidelines**

By Ayesha Khan  
Published September 1  
Maryland  
FOX 5 DC

Link: <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/board-of-education-lays-out-timeline-for-maryland-schools-to-comply-with-new-virtual-learning-guidelines>



### *Maryland Board of Education standards on remote learning*

Even with several schools already back in session, Maryland State Department of Education board members voted on a new set of guidelines for local school systems on Tuesday, giving them until the end of 2020 to meet certain, online learning requirements.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Md.** - Even with several schools already back in session, [Maryland](#) State Department of Education board members voted on a new set of guidelines for local school systems on Tuesday, giving them until the end of 2020 to meet certain, online learning requirements.

According to the recommendations passed, schools must be open for students at least 180 school days. All schools must include at least a total of six hours per day. Schools must have an average of 3.5 hours across the grades (K through 12) of synchronous instruction spread out over the course of the day.

Half day pre-K school day for each local school system must include a minimum of 1.5 hours of synchronous instruction spread out over the course of the half-day.

**READ MORE: Maryland parents face frustrations as students return to virtual classes**

MSDE will collaborate with local school Superintendents and provide technical assistance as they implement the minimum hours of synchronous instruction by the end of the calendar year.

School systems that have indicated that they are not returning students in person until second semester should reevaluate their reopening plans by the end of the first quarter (after nine weeks) and submit to MSDE by the third week of November.

**READ MORE: Md parents surprised by Hogan's announcement to safely reopen schools, 3 days before virtual start**

The vote comes after the State Superintendent of Schools Karen Salmon last week — proposed a minimum number of live online learning hours. She wanted school systems to meet that minimum by Sept. 28.

But Board members decided to delay that vote until Tuesday in order to allow for more discussion to happen.

Some parents tell FOX 5's Ayesha Khan, it was a bit odd that the board of education decided to have the conversation a day after the virtual school year started in many areas.

“I think they had all summer long to figure this out,” said Melissa King.

“I’m not sure what pressured the state to all of a sudden put out this message after all the decisions at the county level had already been made.”

“I think that just mandating anything right now is asking a lot,” said Saba Ahmed.

“It’s kind of setting up expectations in a post beginning of the school year session when teachers have already come up with their plans and that leaves a little less room for flexibility.”

In a statement regarding the implementation of the new requirements, Montgomery County Public Schools said:

“We will be seeking clarity from the state to better understand the impact of the requirements/regulations on what we developed and was approved by Board of Education on Aug. 25.”

A spokesperson for Prince George’s County Public Schools said the school system does not have a comment at this time.

In response to our inquiry about why the state board of education decided to lay out the virtual learning requirements a day after students went back to school, the board provided us a statement from the Maryland State Department of Education on late Tuesday evening saying:

“In May, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) provided guidelines on required days and hours of instruction. These guidelines were later revised in June. In July, at the request of superintendents, we established 13 requirements to better facilitate consistency across Maryland’s 24 local school systems, with plans due from those school systems in mid-August. We provided school systems an extension, as superintendents indicated more time was needed to meet with stakeholders and submit plans to local school boards for approval.

The Maryland State Department of Education is focused on helping each local school system meet the requirements approved by the State Board of Education regarding student engagement. We will coordinate with all local systems on their plans for synchronous learning moving forward, to provide students a quality educational experience, and meaningful instruction.”

*Environment*  
*Aug 5, 2020*

## **Tropical Storm Isaias brought destructive tornadoes, flooding and power outages to parts of Maryland**

By Shirin Rajae  
Published August 5  
News  
FOX 5 DC

**Link:** <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/tropical-storm-isaias-brought-destructive-tornadoes-flooding-and-power-outages-to-parts-of-maryland>

**CHESAPEAKE BEACH, Md.** - Tropical Storm Isaias roared up the coast unleashing damaging winds, heavy rain and three destructive tornadoes. One of which, according to the National Weather Service, touched down in Chesapeake Beach, Maryland.

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"You could see it coming off the bay, you can see a funnel it came right through and started tearing things up, it came right at us," said Robbie Deyermond.



*Cleanup after tornado damage*

Tropical Storm Isaias ravaged the mid-Atlantic with heavy rain, flooded roadways and gusty winds that resulted in at least three confirmed tornadoes in Southern Maryland on Tuesday.

As the fast moving tornado ripped through the Calvert county neighborhood, Deyermond said he and his family ran to the basement, all the while concerned for his neighbors who came close to being crushed by a falling tree.

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"The velocity of it was so much more intense than the actual tropical storm, it was very scary very scary," said Deyermond.

Up the road, a massive tree came crashing down on Sonia Wagner's home. The tree's branches piercing through her bedroom, as she was taking cover in a powder room just feet away from her bed.

"Literally you could hear the glass splintering, the glass breaking," said Wagner.

From uprooted trees to downed power lines. Wagner is one of thousands of households now sitting in the dark, after losing power. As of 10pm Tuesday, there were roughly 2500 still without power in the county.

"Our transformer on this whole side of the street is down, so I'm expecting two or three days before we get power back up," she said.

Wagner says the damage is dramatic, and it couldn't come at a worst time, when everyone is still grappling with a global pandemic.

"It's just amazing to me in 2020 what people are having to live through," said Wagner.

Neighbors are now picking up the pieces, grateful to have survived Mother Nature's path of destruction.

"I can't put in words, the amount of gratitude I hold," she said.

Utility companies are working around the clock tonight to restore power as quickly as possible.

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## **Report finds more than 70,000 new US coronavirus cases in children since early August**

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FILE - A health worker takes a nasal swab sample at a COVID-19 testing site at St. John's Well Child and Family Center, amid the novel coronavirus pandemic, July 24, 2020, in Los Angeles, California. **(Photo by VALERIE MACON/AFP via Getty Images)**

**LOS ANGELES** - Recent [data](#) from a joint report by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children's Hospital Association found more than 74,000 new coronavirus cases in children since early August.

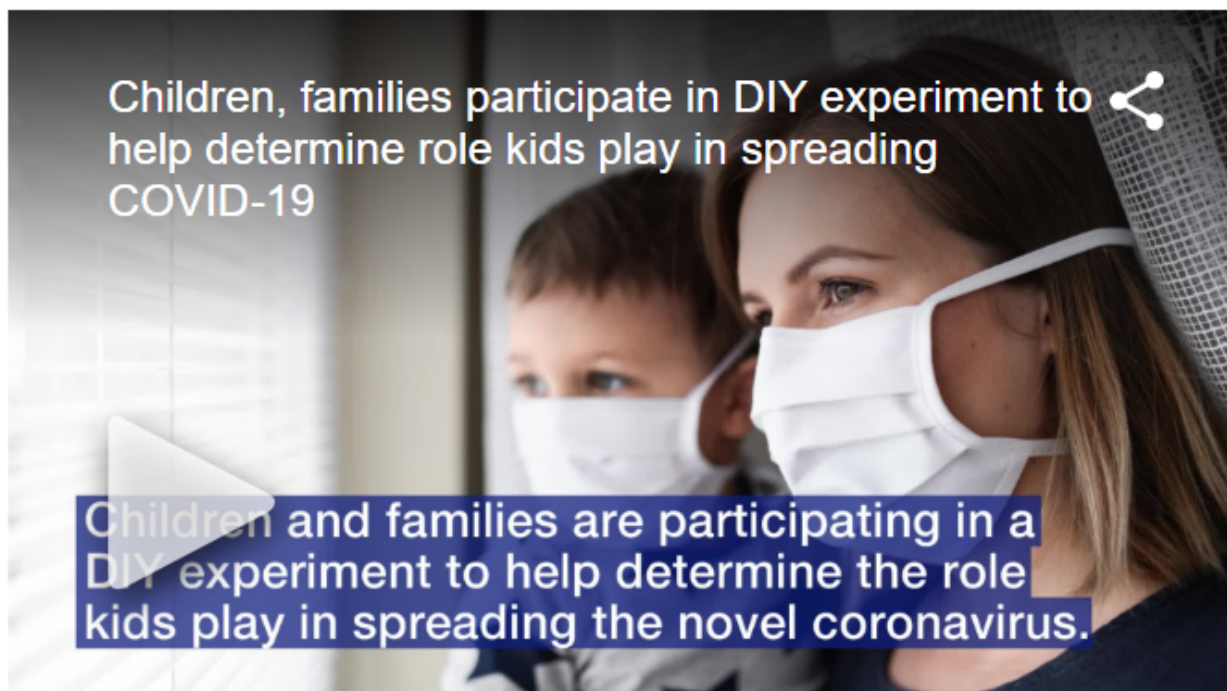
The report found that between Aug. 6 and Aug. 20, the total number of cases of COVID-19 in children in the U.S. increased by 21%.



The data was compiled by the health department websites of 49 states, and children represented more than 9% of all cases. More than 442,000 children have tested positive for the coronavirus since the onset of the pandemic, according to the report.

“At this time, it appears that severe illness due to COVID-19 is rare among children,” authors of the report said. “However, states should continue to provide detailed reports on COVID-19 cases, testing, hospitalizations, and mortality by age so that the effects of COVID-19 on children’s health can be documented and monitored.”

Hundreds of students were forced to quarantine earlier this month as school districts nationwide attempted to reopen despite surges in the disease in several states.



*Children, families participate in DIY experiment to help determine role kids play in spreading COVID-19*

According to the Associated Press, present evidence suggests that children are less likely to become infected with the novel coronavirus than adults.

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And in July, the U.S. saw a jump in coronavirus cases in children by 40%, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children’s Hospital Association, who also reported that 86 children died from the disease in the U.S.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a report covering illnesses mid-February to mid-July, in which they found that nearly 600 children have been hospitalized in the United States with a rare inflammatory syndrome associated with the novel coronavirus during the pandemic.

The agency found that as of July 29, a total of 570 child patients were diagnosed with MIS-C, according to state health departments across the country. The CDC also found that all MIS-C patients had tested positive for the coronavirus, and 10 died.

Around the world, children have been severely impacted by the coronavirus, directly or indirectly.

Restrictions put into place to slow the spread of the virus are pushing already hungry communities over the edge, cutting off meager farms from markets and isolating villages from food and medical aid.

Virus-linked hunger is leading to the deaths of 10,000 more children a month globally over the first year of the pandemic, according to an urgent call to action from the United Nations shared with The Associated Press ahead of its publication in the Lancet medical journal.

*The Associated Press contributed to this story.*