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**Issues and Program Report**  
**1st Quarter 2021**

*The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by NHPR along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period listed above. The listing is by no means exhaustive.*

Topic: <b>Education</b>				
Date:	Time:	Duration (mm:ss):	Program Title	Description
3/20/21	6:00 AM	60:00	The Exchange	The state launched its new vaccine registration site this week, known as VINI, which opened to teachers and childcare staff in the 2A vaccination group. New data on vaccine distribution shows lower vaccination rates for Black and Latino Granite Staters. And as educators get vaccinated, districts across the state are expanding in-person learning.
2/20/21	6:00 AM	60:00		How the N.H. Legislature will conduct its business continues to be a point of contention for lawmakers, after Democrats filed a lawsuit to allow legislators with serious health issues to attend next week's house session remotely. We also discuss how the "covid effect" is impacting school budget funding, and the latest spike in cases on university campuses across the state.

Topic: <b>Politics</b>				
Date:	Time:	Duration (mm:ss):	Program Title	Description
2/13/21	6:00 AM	60:00	The Exchange	. We discuss Governor Sununu's 2021 Budget Address. We also explore how the COVID-19 vaccine rollout is going in New Hampshire, including the state's new method for scheduling appointments for second doses. And, we chat with Granite Stater Chris Viaud about competing on Top Chef.
2/6/21	6:00 AM	60:00	The Exchange	Gov. Chris Sununu is vowing to jettison a problematic sign-up website for scheduling for second dose COVID-19 vaccination appointments. The state reports that 110,000 N.H. residents have gotten the first vaccine shot, but many are struggling with a federal website to register for the second vaccination. Sununu says the state is working to create their own registration system. House Bill 20 aims to set-up a school choice program that some are calling the most sweeping such legislation in the country. We talk to the newest member of the State Board of Education. The state of Nevada takes steps to challenge New Hampshire's first in the nation primary status. And we consider whether we should root for or against Tom Brady in the Superbowl.

Topic: <b>Elections</b>				
Date:	Time:	Duration (mm:ss):	Program Title	Description
1/23/21	6:00 AM	60:00	The Exchange	Joe Biden is sworn in as the 46th president amid unprecedented security measures in Washington D.C. and at state capitols. State lawmakers in New Hampshire, still adjusting to pandemic logistics, hear public testimony on bills addressing voting issues and public access to police records and disciplinary hearings. And significant community spread of the coronavirus continues in New Hampshire and across the country as the Biden Administration works to ramp up vaccinations and expand testing.
1/16/21	6:00 AM	60:00	The Exchange	House lawmakers indict President Trump a week before he leaves office for inciting a deadly riot with false claims of a stolen

				<p>election. It was the first time in history a president has been impeached twice. How will this play out in the Senate, which is likely to take up the debate once Trump is no longer president? Meanwhile, the Capitol is gearing up, and bracing for, the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden amid nationwide threats of armed protests, including at state capitols across the country. Biden this week meanwhile released a \$1.9 trillion spending plan that includes a national vaccine program and reflects the idea that defeating the pandemic and reviving the economy are intertwined.</p>

Topic: <b>Government</b>				
Date:	Time:	Duration (mm:ss):	Program Title	Description
2/27/21	6:00 AM	60:00	The Exchange	<p>During a two-day session held in a sprawling indoor sports complex with chairs arranged to allow for social distance, the Republican-led New Hampshire House passed bills expanding the state's Stand Your Ground law, banning some abortions, and allowing patients licensed for therapeutic cannabis to grow their own plants. The House also voted to refund fines issued to businesses that violated COVID-19 orders, prompting a rebuke from some Democrats and from Governor Sununu who suggested in a statement that the bill could "incentivize law-breaking and reward those who do not follow the rules." At times, debate became rancorous, with some Democrats walking out in protest. Party leaders tried to set a somewhat conciliatory tone at the start of the second day.</p>
3/6/21	6:00 AM	60:00	The Exchange	<p>It's been a busy week in New Hampshire news, as the state crosses into its second year of the coronavirus pandemic. We'll talk about the latest vaccine news, about controversy at the Statehouse over bigoted remarks from lawmakers during virtual sessions, and much more.</p>

Topic: <b>Health</b>				
Date:	Time:	Duration (mm:ss):	Program Title	Description
3/13/21	6:00 AM	60:00	The Exchange	<p>The latest on the state's battle with the coronavirus, including the easing of some restrictions. The contest for Democratic party chair enters its final days before this weekend's vote. And what are the prospects for several Republican-led bills that would tighten voter eligibility laws?</p>
1/30/21	6:00 AM	60:00	The Exchange	<p>State officials say vaccination efforts so far are helping to move COVID-19 numbers in the right direction, though some have found the sign-up process frustrating. Republicans in Concord revive "Right to Work" legislation that Democrats say would hurt unions. And NPR's Ron Elving joins us for analysis of the first week of the Biden Administration.</p>