

**Issues/Programs List**

**July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.**

During this period, WAIC broadcast programming about local issues that aired during program segments reserved for local feature-length reports, interviews and commentaries, Monday through Friday at (typically) 5:51 a.m., 6:22 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 7:22 a.m., 7:45 a.m., 7:51 a.m., 8:22 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 4:44 p.m., 5:44p.m. and 5:50 p.m. or similar times within the morning and afternoon news programs.

Weekly installments of ***The Short List*** were (typically) broadcast on Fridays at 5:50p.m. during WAIC's broadcast of *All Things Considered*. In this segment, a rotating panel of seasoned journalists and media professionals analyzes the major issues in the news during the current week. They provide context, and a fresh unpacking of information from three stories in a roughly eight and a half minute roundtable discussion.

In addition, local newscasts were broadcast immediately following national newscasts on the hour from 6:00 a.m. through 8:00 a.m. inclusive, and 4:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. inclusive. On Saturday, local issue programming was presented at 8:35 a.m., 9:35 a.m., 10:35 a.m., and on local newscasts following national newscasts on the hour from 8:00 a.m. through 10:00 a.m. inclusive, and at 12:00 p.m. On Sunday, local newscasts were broadcast following national newscasts on the hour at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Many reports on the same and related subjects were broadcast daily and weekly through such national news programs as *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, *Marketplace*, *Here & Now*, *Fresh Air*, *Weekend Edition* and others.

**Issues**

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Public Health  
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## Reports on Morning Edition, All Things Considered, and Weekend Edition

TOPIC	AIRDATE	NEWSCAST	LENGTH	STATE	SUMMARY
Arts & Culture	7/10/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:20	MA	Our summer fiction series kicks off with a novel about a mother-daughter connection, and the role of creativity and beauty in human survival. "The Yellow Bird Sings" was written by Northampton, Massachusetts resident Jennifer Rosner.
Arts & Culture	7/17/2020	8:45am	4:49	MA	As part of our summer fiction series, writer Eric Giroux tells NEPM's Jill Kaufman about the two brothers at the center of his debut novel, "Ring On Deli," a work inspired by his experiences as a supermarket worker.
Arts & Culture	7/24/2020	6:45am 8:45am	4:28	MA	The characters in Sarah Rauch's short stories largely live and work around western Massachusetts and New York. In her new collection, "What Shines From It," some characters make art, some grapple with pregnancy, drink, get hurt, try to figure out life. As part of our summer fiction series Rauch spoke with NEPM's Sam Hudzik and noted that the recurring themes in her work were not intentional.
Arts & Culture	7/31/2020	6:45am 8:45am	4:52	MA	Northampton author Debra Jo Immergut describes her new novel, "You Again," as part mystery, part thriller, part literary fiction. As part of our summer fiction series she tells NEPM's Nancy Cohen that the main character, 40-something Abigail Willard, has the chance to see---and eventually talk to---her much younger self.

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Arts & Culture	8/7/2020	6:34am 8:34am	6:09	MA	Our summer fiction series continues with "Riot Baby" by New Haven-based writer Tochi Onyebuchi. A young black girl discovers that she has powers that can help rid the world of police brutality and structural racism.
Arts & Culture	8/12/2020	5:51am 7:51am	5:59	MA	It's been a tough 5-month ride for clubs and music venues as they remain closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. Many clubs are independently owned, and as NEPM's Jill Kaufman reports, some owners wonder if they'll even be able to reopen when the time comes.
Arts & Culture	8/14/2020	6:45am 8:45am	4:52	MA	Our summer fiction series concludes with Andrea Hairston, who teaches theater and Africana Studies at Smith College. In her creative life, Hairston covers a lot of ground as a playwright, theater director, screenwriter, and novelist. Her new book "Master Of Poisons" is a fantasy novel about a world facing destruction.
Arts & Culture	8/19/2020	6:45am 8:45am	6:58	MA	With venues closed and festivals cancelled, artists and music lovers lament the loss of the communal experience known as the concert. But socially distanced outdoor concerts are popping up, including at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams.
Arts & Culture	8/26/2020	6:45am 8:45am	6:05	MA	A former industrial building in Florence, Massachusetts, is home to a record store and label specializing in what the owners characterize as "weird music."

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Arts & Culture	8/28/2020	6:34am 8:34am	5:22	MA	Visual artist and medical doctor Shirley Jackson Whitaker uses art and performance to help people make sense of the world. Her new book "I Did Not Ask To Be Born Black, I Just Got Lucky" is the first pick this year in NEPM's series, "Books For Young People." Whitaker says the book is for little girls, but could also have a message for adults.
Arts & Culture	9/4/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:53	MA	Our series, "Books For Young People," continues with "Don't Ask Me Where I'm From" by author Jennifer DeLeon. Protagonist Liliana Cruz is a 15-year-old who has been accepted into a desegregation program that sends students from Boston and Springfield to suburban schools. DeLeon discusses how Liliana handles that transition.
Arts & Culture	9/11/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:23	MA	Our "Books For Young People" series highlights "How To Be A Person" by Amherst, Massachusetts writer Catherine Newman. It's a funny, quasi-self-help book for tweens and young teens, taking them through dozens of basic skills from doing laundry and tying knots to managing money and writing thank-you notes.
Arts & Culture	9/25/2020	6:45am 8:36am	5:30	MA	As part of our "Books For Young People" series, NEPM's Jill Kaufman spoke with Zee Johnson, owner of Olive Tree Books & Voices, one of the few black-owned bookstores in Massachusetts. Johnson opened the business in Springfield's Mason Square about 15 years ago.

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Community Voices	7/1/2020	6:34am 8:34am	3:05	MA	Longmeadow, Mass. resident Mary Crimmins had Down Syndrome, worked for McDonald's, lived in a group home since age 22, and loved celebrating her birthday each year. She had her own sense of fashion and was wearing a ring while on a ventilator before she died of complications from Covid-19 at age 57. She was remembered by her sister, Susan Crimmins.
Community Voices	7/6/2020	6:34am 8:34am	2:42	CT	Commentator Andrea Comer is a black woman married to a black police officer. She says her husband has set an example she wishes all of us would follow.
Community Voices	7/8/2020	6:45am 8:45am	2:38	MA	At Mount Rushmore on July 4th, President Trump ordered the creation of a statue park called The National Garden Of American heroes. The announcement comes amid a world-wide movement to topple monuments to race supremacy. Commentator Nick DeLuca says Trump's proposal will not be the antidote that the moment calls for.
Community Voices	7/21/2020	7:45am	1:57	MA	A follow-up look at two western Massachusetts workers laid off due to Covid-19 in April. They've returned to work...but they say things are far from the same.
Community Voices	7/29/2020	5:44pm	3:12	MA	Red Sox fan Mike Noonan of Northampton has attended every Red Sox home opener for the past 52 years---until this year, when the pandemic forced major league baseball to play without spectators. Noonan says watching the home opener on TV last Friday felt very strange.

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Community Voices	7/29/2020	6:45am 8:45am	2:39	MA	Recently the Washington Redskins announced that the team would change its name and logo. Commentator Nick DeLuca says the Redskins' story is a national one that has local implications.
Community Voices	8/7/2020	6:34am 8:34am	2:46	MA	After the death of Rep. John Lewis, commentator Sr. Patricia Byrne found herself thinking about fellow nuns who helped nurse Lewis back to health in Selma, Alabama.
Community Voices	8/12/2020	5:51 am 7:51am	2:42	MA	This week marks 75 years since Japan surrendered to the Allies in World War 2. Commentator Tinky Weisblat set out to discover how news of V-J Day was received in her hometown of Hawley, Massachusetts.
Community Voices	9/8/2020	5:51am 7:51am	2:49	CT	Actor Chadwick Boseman died last month of colo-rectal cancer. He was 43. Our commentator Andrea Comer finds this loss especially painful.
Community Voices	9/10/2020	5:51am 7:51am	2:42	MA	The US Postal Service is very much in the news these days, and commentator Bruce Watson thinks it's high time we show it our gratitude.
Community Voices	9/30/2020	6:34am 8:34am	2:35	MA	In these days of social distancing, commentator Maria Troppe has been thinking back to graduate school. She's been re-visting what she learned then about the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.
Economic Development	7/7/2020	5:44pm	4:11	MA	The Basketball Hall Of Fame in Springfield opens to the public tomorrow for the first time in 5 months as the state's phased reopening continues. President and CEO John Doleva says safety protocols will be in place, including spaced seating in the theater and other precautions.

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Economic Development	7/16/2020	7:45am 5:44pm	3:40	MA	Food banks across Massachusetts are bracing for an expected surge in demand when extended unemployment benefits expire at the end of July. Demand on food banks is already twice what it was before the pandemic began.
Economic Development	9/24/2020	6:45am 8:36am	4:46	MA	Home-buying and -selling slowed down in the early days of the pandemic but realtors say the western Massachusetts market has picked up, fueled in part by city dwellers who felt hemmed in by the lockdown.
Education	7/6/2020	6:34am 8:34am	5:22	MA	School will look very different this year---social distancing, masks on faces, and in some schools, fewer police in the hallways. NEPM's Ben James reports on efforts to rethink the role of police in schools in two western Massachusetts cities.
Education	7/8/2020	6:45am 8:45am	2:31	MA	Faculty members at Springfield Technical Community College are protesting the elimination of seven entire programs, most of them vocational.
Education	7/30/2020	6:45am 8:45am	4:50	MA	As Massachusetts school districts submit their fall proposals to the state, many parents are considering a type of homeschooling known as 'homeschool pods.' But there is concern that such a model could help some families at the expense of the broader community.
Education	8/11/2020	7:45am	3:46	MA	Hundreds of residential assistants at UMass-Amherst were expected to move into dorms this week, but with a revised Covid-19 policy in place, most cannot return, leading to pay dispute between their union and the University.

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Education	8/20/2020	6:45am 8:45am	3:41	MA	Many colleges have been advertising regular Covid-19 testing as a way to keep any outbreaks under control. UMass Amherst, which has shifted to mostly online classes, is testing students and staff who remain on campus, whether or not they have symptoms. But as NEPM's Karen Brown reports, that is not an option for all colleges.
Education	8/21/2020	7:22am	6:43	MA	Teachers, administrators and parents are preparing for a highly unusual start to the school year. As part of an occasional series on education during a pandemic, NEPM's Ben James reports on two teachers as they get ready for September and reflect on a summer of protests for racial justice.
Education	9/1/2020	6:45am 8:45am	4:40	MA	With a few weeks before the new school year starts, tensions are rising in some districts. Superintendents are often caught in the middle and feel frustrated by state guidance that some say is coming too late.
Education	9/23/2020	6:34am 8:34am	7:06	MA	High-school teachers are tackling unfamiliar technology and supporting the emotional needs of teenagers whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. In the second of an occasional series, NEPM's Ben James reports on the first week of 'remote school' in Holyoke and Springfield.
Energy & Environment	8/6/2020	6:22am 8:22am	4:34	MA	Since the coronavirus pandemic began in March, Massachusetts has seen an increase in recycling by as much as 15 to 20 percent. But with that bigger load comes new challenges.
Energy & Environment	8/25/2020	6:45am 8:45am	2:12	MA	The US Environmental Protection Agency is inviting the public to comment on its revised plan to clean up PCBs from the Housatonic River. It calls for the creation of a toxic waste disposal site in Lee.



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Energy & Environment	9/7/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:01	MA	The Army National Guard plans a machine-gun range at Joint Base Cape Cod. This has prompted expressions of concern from environmentalists, and the time for public comment is growing short.
Energy & Environment	9/8/2020	5:51am 7:51am	4:59	MA	Plastic production over the next decade could generate more than 1.3 gigatons of greenhouse gas emissions annually. One woman on Cape Cod is on a mission to reduce dependence on single-use plastics.
Energy & Environment	9/18/2020	7:49 am	4:09	MA	The US Environmental Protection Agency this week announced awards for people who have worked to protect the environment. Among those receiving lifetime achievement awards was the late Barbara Cianfarini, who fought for decades to clean up PCB's in the Berkshires.
Energy & Environment	9/30/2020	6:34am 8:34am	5:41	MA	Over the past two decades, more than 60 dams have been torn down in Massachusetts with the goal of restoring river habitats. One was demolished this year on the west branch of the Housatonic River with a somewhat different, more neighborhood-focused goal, as NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	7/1/2020	4:53pm	4:51	MA	A Springfield police detective who posted on social media a picture of her niece at a Black Lives Matter event holding a sign that suggested shooting back at police, has been fired. Florissa Fuentes told the Republican newspaper's Stephanie Barry that the Instagram post was made on a personal account while she was off duty, meant to show pride in her niece's activism, and that she does not advocate violence against police.

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Justice, Law & Public Safety	7/14/2020	6:22am 8:22am	7:00	MA	The US Justice Department and the Massachusetts US Attorney's office have issued a blistering report on the excessive use of force by police in Springfield. Some departments are considering revising their policies on the use of force, but as NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports, the culture of a department matters more than its policies.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	7/29/2020	6:45am 8:45am	2:03	CT	Some shoreline cities and towns in Connecticut are reviving a controversial practice in response to Covid-19: restricting weekend beach access to residents only.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	8/4/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:13	CT	Deaths of black males at the hands of police have sparked protests and rallies...but black women and girls are also at risk, and experts and advocates say the policing of black women is a health-care issue.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	8/13/2020	6:22am 8:22am	7:09	MA	For decades, Massachusetts, along with other states, has provided funds to victims of violent crime to pay for things like counseling, medical care, and lost wages. But advocates for victims of childhood sexual abuse have argued that the state's deadline for filing a funding application harms those victims, and as NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports, some elected officials agree.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	9/18/2020	7:49am	2:23	MA	Springfield officials say they've been making changes in the city's police department in response to a scathing report by the US Department Of Justice. Some say there's more left to do.
Politics & Public Policy	7/17/2020	5:51pm	9:32	MA	The Short List: a discussion of issues surrounding police reform in Massachusetts.

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Politics & Public Policy	7/20/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: The House takes up police reforms already addressed in the Senate; Governor Baker may soon decide on extending an eviction and foreclosure moratorium; beer wholesalers and microbreweries have reached a deal; vote-by-mail applications are going out to state residents.
Politics & Public Policy	7/24/2020	5:51pm	9:57	MA	The Short List: a look a police accountability proposals; Springfield police officer admits assault to court but won't get punishment; Richie Neal and Alex Morse address the opioid crisis; eviction moratorium extended.
Politics & Public Policy	7/27/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: House and Senate to resolve differences in police accountability bills; with pandemic restrictions in place and much unfinished business, lawmakers consider a rule to allow roll-call votes beyond the session's end on July 31; debate to open soon on an economic development bill; after calling quarantines for out-of-state arrivals unconstitutional Governor Baker has changed his view and announced new quarantine rules backed by a potential \$500 fine for violations.
Politics & Public Policy	7/31/2020	5:51pm	9:53	MA	The Short List: Negotiations continue on police reform bill; state legislature will extend its session; questions remain about reopening public schools in the fall.
Politics & Public Policy	8/3/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: The legislative session may be extended, with implications for pending negotiations; a stopgap budget has been passed through the end of October; the Governor's \$500 daily fine for quarantine non-observance has taken effect; speculation on further business re-openings.

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Politics & Public Policy	8/7/2020	5:51pm	9:32	MA	The Short List: No changes yet to use of force policy for Springfield Police; colleges and public schools plan on remote learning for the fall; power outages due to recent tropical storm persist in Massachusetts and Connecticut.
Politics & Public Policy	8/7/2020	5:44pm	3:40	MA	In response to an uptick in Covid-19 cases, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker is "indefinitely" postponing the next planned step in the state's economic reopening.
Politics & Public Policy	8/10/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Gov. Baker upset at school districts going with all-remote learning for the fall; reopening plans are scaled back, with outdoor gatherings limited to 50 persons; closing the loophole that allows bars to 'masquerade' as restaurants.
Politics & Public Policy	8/12/2020	6:45am 8:45am	4:40	MA	Holyoke, Massachusetts mayor Alex Morse vows to carry on with his campaign for Congress against longtime incumbent Richard Neal. Morse, who is gay, is the target of a complaint by the College Democrats of Massachusetts, who allege that he used his position of power to pursue relationships with men much younger than himself. Morse spoke yesterday to WBUR's senior political reporter Anthony Brooks.
Politics & Public Policy	8/14/2020	5:51pm	9:32	MA	The Short List: Alex Morse accused of inappropriate conduct amid Congressional campaign; ranked choice balloting in Massachusetts; Governor Baker localizes the response to Covid-19.

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Politics & Public Policy	8/17/2020	6:45am 8:45am	4:55	MA	With two weeks until the September primary, Sen. Ed Markey and Rep. Joe Kennedy are in a tight race for the seat held by Markey. Both position themselves as strong climate and environmental-justice advocates, and both are campaigning hard for the progressive vote. Miriam Wasser spoke to some young climate activists to get their views.
Politics & Public Policy	8/18/2020	6:34am 8:34am	4:13	MA	Democratic candidates for Massachusetts' 1st Congressional District met for their first debate yesterday. Incumbent Richard Neal is opposed by Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse. The debate took place days after reports that the College Democrats had banned Morse from their events, claiming that he "[used his] position of power for romantic or sexual gain." Those allegations have since been challenged and Morse has gone on the offensive.
Politics & Public Policy	8/18/2020	6:34am 8:34am	4:18	MA	Alex Morse has acknowledged having physical relationships with college students, but said they weren't in the class he taught at UMass Amherst, and he insisted that he did not abuse his status, saying he is being unfairly targeted because he is gay. Some members of the LGBTQ community say Morse's relationships prompt questions about power and consent in the age of Me Too, but as WBUR's Callum Borchers reports, some also worry that the public scrutiny might discourage others from seeking public office.
Politics & Public Policy	8/21/2020	5:51pm	9:48	MA	The Short List: Kennedy-Markey debate and Pelosi's endorsement; Morse-Neal debates; Massachusetts will require students to get flu shots.

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Politics & Public Policy	8/24/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:45	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: A look at issues surrounding early voting and the huge vote-by-mail effort, including a lawsuit seeking an extension of mailing deadlines; the upcoming sales tax holiday; and with the GOP convention coming up, will Gov. Baker be involved?
Politics & Public Policy	8/25/2020	6:45am 8:45am	2:38	MA	Three Democrats are on the primary ballot in the 5th Massachusetts House district, which covers all of Holyoke. The incumbent is not seeking re-election. With no republicans or independents running, the primary will likely determine who's headed to Beacon Hill.
Politics & Public Policy	8/27/2020	5:51am 7:51am	2:42	MA	Three candidates are vying to replace a retiring Massachusetts state representative in the 9th Hampden District, which includes parts of Springfield and Chicopee. At a recent forum on Focus Springfield TV, the contenders made their cases.
Politics & Public Policy	8/28/2020	6:34am 8:34am	2:39	MA	Among the legislative seats being contested in Tuesday's Massachusetts Democratic primary is the Hampden Senate district, including West Springfield and parts of Springfield and Chicopee. The race pits a 5-term incumbent against a city councillor.
Politics & Public Policy	8/31/2020	6:45am 8:45am	6:00	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: A look at the upcoming state primary election. Will pandemic-related changes in voting procedures delay the results?
Politics & Public Policy	9/2/2020	6:45am 8:45am	4:53	MA	Springfield Congressman Richard Neal turned back a primary challenge from Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse, and with no GOP challenger on the ballot, the chairman of the powerful House Ways & Means Committee is likely on his way to a 17th term.

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Politics & Public Policy	9/4/2020	5:51pm	9:57	MA	The Short List: Neal/Morse primary results; turnout booms under mail-in voting; Markey defeats Kennedy in Senate primary; big changes possible on Springfield City Council.
Politics & Public Policy	9/4/2020	5:51pm	9:35	MA	The Short List: Looking at the Neal/Morse contest; turnout booms under mail-in balloting; big changes possible on the Springfield City Council; Markey defeats Kennedy.
Politics & Public Policy	9/10/2020	5:51am 7:51am	5:42	MA	The recent primary election demanded a lot of city and town clerks---not just on election day but for days, weeks, even months beforehand. As NEPM's Nancy Cohen reports, it was a hectic dry run for November.
Politics & Public Policy	9/11/2020	5:51pm	9:58	MA	The Short List: Gov. Baker praises Springfield's Covid-19 efforts, calls for more action at the national level; the pandemic's effects on Connecticut schools; the tenor of recent Massachusetts primaries; reflecting on the 19th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.
Politics & Public Policy	9/14/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Secretary of the Commonwealth Bill Galvin has offered to submit state record to supplement what he describes as shortcoming in federal census efforts; some Connecticut schools had to send kids home again after coronavirus cases popped up---what are the plans if that happens in Massachusetts? What are lawmakers in Boston saying about the timeline for getting a state budget in place?
Politics & Public Policy	9/18/2020	5:51pm	10:15	MA	The Short List: Springfield contemplates police reforms; Mask opponents heckle Connecticut Governor Lamont; public comments sought on Housatonic River cleanup.

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Politics & Public Policy	9/21/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:45	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Gov. Baker will soon have two vacancies to fill on the state's Supreme Judicial Court, due to a death and a retirement; though he tends to shy away from national issue Baker has echoed calls by Vermont Governor Phil Scott and others for a delay in choosing a successor to Ruth Bader Ginsburg; some good news for the Massachusetts economy as the unemployment rate for August showed significant improvement over July.
Politics & Public Policy	9/28/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:30	MA	Beacon Hill In 5: Previewing the Massachusetts US Senate debate between Ed Markey and Kevin O'Connor; more controversy at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, with a judge blocking the governor's bid to fire the superintendent and then that superintendent being indicted; former Senate President Stan Rosenberg reenters public life as a lobbyist.
Public Health	7/1/2020	6:34am 8:34am	4:38	MA	As more Covid-19 tests are offered at places like CVS, some hospitals are having a hard time getting crucial ingredients to conduct the tests---and in some cases this is interfering with important medical care.
Public Health	7/2/2020	6:34am 8:34am	9:09	MA	While parts of the country are seeing surges in Covid-19, cases are down in Massachusetts, though not gone. With the governor's opening plan underway, early survivors of the virus hope that their experiences will remind others to be cautious.
Public Health	7/21/2020	7:45am	1:47	CT	Scientists at Connecticut's state public health lab say they have found a flaw in a Covid-19 testing system that led to a number of false positive results.



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Public Health	7/22/2020	6:45am 8:45am	5:17	NH	Massachusetts recently announced an end to the moratorium on single-use shopping bags, but many other states still prohibit the bags. NHPR's Annie Ropeik asks if that has helped slow the spread of coronavirus in that state.
Public Health	8/27/2020	5:51am 7:51am	5:11	CT	Covid-19 has forced harm reduction programs to rethink how they can continue to help drug users. A look at how providers in Hartford are trying to reach people struggling with addiction.