

# WCBC FM 107.1 ISSUES

**1/1-3/31/22**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>NARRATIVE</b>
<b>CoronaWatch Update</b>	<b>Health</b>	During the pandemic, these daily updates provided the latest case counts, including deaths, and information on testing and safety procedures from Allegany, Garrett, Mineral, Hampshire, Morgan, Hardy, Grant, Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, as well as state totals. The program aired five times per day.
<b>COVID-19 Press Conferences</b>	<b>Health</b>	Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, West Virginia Governor Jim Justice, and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf conducted regular press conferences on their orders designed to limit the spread of the Coronavirus, and to flatten the curve. WCBC was able to staff the press conference of Governor Justice on a daily basis and report updates from their COVID-19 Czar Dr. Clay Marsh.
<b>CoronaVirus News Coverage</b>	<b>Health</b>	During the course of the pandemic, WCBC News has interviewed and presented information from all local health officers and medical directors from available local officials, and with state and federal information as provided via Congressional representatives and the state legislative delegation.
<b>Local Public Service Announcements</b>	<b>Community Communications</b>	Local non-profit organizations are the backbone of our community. On a regular basis throughout the broadcast day, we air announcements advertising events, fund raisers, and information about these groups. Some of the groups

		participated in the production of the announcements.
<b>Weather Round The Clock</b>	<b>Public Safety</b>	<p>WCBC presents up to date weather forecasts every hour of every day, keeping listeners up to date. Classic Hits 107.1 FM also breaks in immediately with weather bulletins from the National Weather Service, ranging from Flood to Flash Flood to Winter Storm Watches and Advisories. When an alert is activated, it is placed directly on the air.</p> <p>WCBC-FM also keeps regular contact with local emergency management officials and has presented localized event updates as warranted.</p>

## **WCBC-FM News Issues**

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**As part of our commitment to our coverage area, WCBC-FM covers and presents highlights of meetings, the statements and opinions of those holding elective office, public commentary expressed during open meetings, and the activities of various public and private institutions.**

**Among the officials we present comments from are Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, West Virginia Governor Jim Justice, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf; US Senators Ben Cardin, Chris Van Hollen, Joe Manchin, Shelley Moore Capito, Bob Casey and Pat Toomey; Congressmen David Trone, David McKinley, and Alex Mooney; Allegany County Commissioners Jake Shade, David Caporale, and Creade Brodie Junior; and Cumberland Mayor Ray Morriss and the City Council. We also present the comments of various agency heads and staffers at the local, regional, state and federal levels.**

## **MEMO FOR RECORD**

DATE: April 8, 2022

RE: QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST  
WCBC-FM, Cumberland, Maryland

Issues of importance to the ALLEGANY & MINERAL COUNTIES area:

DRUGS/OPIOID EPIDEMIC – Although rural, Allegany & Mineral Counties have experienced a significant increase in drug activity especially in the area of Opioid overdoses and drug possession & distribution arrests. The tri-state area has been greatly impacted by the easy access to our area due to highway improvements and the location of prison facilities in our area. The location of the Federal and State prisons here is also causing concern that we are being impacted from a crime/gang perspective related to the drug activity.

ECONOMY/EMPLOYMENT – Like most small towns across the nation, the area is depressed due to lack of new business and just job opportunities in general. Residents want to know about changing technology and opportunities for more jobs in our area.

EDUCATION – Always a major concern, in a period of time when a new school construction is being developed, and testing on State and Federal levels seems to mount each year, residents are extremely concerned with the state of our local school system.

PUBLIC HEALTH – The area has a significantly high percentage of Senior citizens and low-income families, which precipitates higher incidences of health issues.

SENIOR CITIZENS/VETERANS – A large part of the population of the Cumberland/Allegany County area is comprised of senior citizens, many of whom are veterans, and their concerns include health and medical care, living on a fixed income, transportation and housing as well as affording the continuing increase in the cost of living.

TOURISM –A composite of service and tourism related job opportunities is what has become of our economy in this area. Although new businesses are beginning to show interest in the area, the majority seem to be of the service industry to cater to travelers.

**QUARTERLY ISSUES  
JANUARY 1- MARCH 31, 2022  
WCBC-AM**

Listed below are examples of various news stories and programs aired by the station that address local issues.

A complete listing of all news coverage is in the station's office Public File and in the News Archive at [wbcradio.com](http://wbcradio.com).

<b>Drugs/Opioid Epidemic</b>	
<b>Wednesday, January 12, 2022</b>	Police Arrest Two on Gun, Drug Charges
<b>Monday, January 31, 2022</b>	Two Bowie Men Arrested on Drug Charges After Stop
<b>Friday, February 04, 2022</b>	Two Arrested in Large Traffic Stop Drug Seizure
<b>Sunday, February 06, 2022</b>	Downtown Traffic Stop Leads to Drug & Weapons Arrest
<b>Monday, February 14, 2022</b>	Rutherford Talks About Opioid Deaths Levelling Off
<b>Wednesday, February 16, 2022</b>	WV AG Announces Major Opioid Agreements
<b>Wednesday, February 23, 2022</b>	Deputies Recover Illegal Drugs During Traffic Stop
<b>Wednesday, March 02, 2022</b>	Police Make Drug Arrests In Westport
<b>Wednesday, March 23, 2022</b>	\$120,000 in Drugs & Money Seized After Traffic Stop
<b>Wednesday, March 30, 2022</b>	Morrissey to Give Opening Arguments in Opioid Case
<b>Economic Development/Employment</b>	
<b>Friday, January 21, 2022</b>	Task Force Seeks \$100 Million for Local Development
<b>Wednesday, February 09, 2022</b>	RKG Presents Final Economic Strategy Draft to City
<b>Thursday, February 10, 2022</b>	RKG Cites Lack of Control in Economic Efforts
<b>Friday, February 18, 2022</b>	Hogan Announces \$50 Million Rural Development Fund
<b>Thursday, March 03, 2022</b>	Cardin Points To Struggling Families For Emphasis
<b>Tuesday, March 08, 2022</b>	MD Delegation Announces \$38 Mil COVID Recovery
<b>Thursday, March 10, 2022</b>	Franchot Lauds Local Governments For Development
<b>Education</b>	
<b>Wednesday, January 19, 2022</b>	Hogan Proposes Education Spending For FY 2023
<b>Wednesday, February 02, 2022</b>	State Dept of Education Endorsed In Person Learning
<b>Monday, February 07, 2022</b>	Hogan Notes Small Return on Heavy Education Funding
<b>Thursday, February 10, 2022</b>	Hogan Pushes State BOE to Rescind Mask Policy
<b>Monday, February 14, 2022</b>	FSU Developing Online Physical Education Course
<b>Tuesday, February 22, 2022</b>	Maryland BOE Kicks Mask Decision to County Boards
<b>Tuesday, March 15, 2022</b>	Allegany County BOE Preps Budget In Shadow Of Gas \$
<b>Monday, March 21, 2022</b>	School Board Announces New Communications Policy
<b>Health</b>	
<b>Wednesday, January 26, 2022</b>	Nearly 200 New COVID Cases in Allegany County
<b>Friday, January 28, 2022</b>	Local High Schools Report Coronavirus Outbreaks
<b>Saturday, January 29, 2022</b>	County COVID-19 Rate Double State Rate
<b>Thursday, February 03, 2022</b>	Maryland COVID Hospitalizations Drop Below 1500
<b>Saturday, February 12, 2022</b>	COVID Numbers Improve, But Among State's Worst
<b>Thursday, February 17, 2022</b>	Commissioners To Change Quarantine Guidelines
<b>Saturday, March 05, 2022</b>	CDC Drops Allegany County Rating to Medium
<b>Thursday, March 10, 2022</b>	Allegany County COVID Numbers Continue Plunge