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WHQT serves the Miami/ Fort Lauderdale / Hollywood market and all the surrounding communities. “This report summarizes a representative sample of programming between July 1st, 2021 and September 30th, 2021 –programming and coverage continues to be dominated by the pandemic.

Description of Regular Programming:

HOT 105 NEWS (PSA’s WITHIN NEWSCASTS) air Monday – Friday between 6am and 10am at :30 and :50 after the hour.

The eight broadcasts are produced by HOT 105 News Anchor Traci Cloyd and last a total of 1:45 seconds.

PSAs are included within some newscasts. The PSAs are (:30) seconds.

As a result of the unprecedented pandemic, during this quarter WHQT continues to focus its news and public service announcements almost exclusively on news and information related to COVID 19.

Issues covered in the 3rd quarter are:

Black Lives Matter

COVID 19

Severe Weather

Black Lives Matter

7/14 – Governor Ron DeSantis dodging questions about why there is apparently a double standard enforcing the law he pushed for. The law makes it illegal for demonstrators to block a highway road or street. DeSantis pushed for and got the law approved in the wake of Black Lives Matter protests. Cuban exiles and Cuban Americans have been all over town protesting and shutting down parts of several municipalities and the Palmetto Expressway, calling for change on the island.

7:30am, 8:30am

7/15 – Black people's frustration about a double standard for Cuban protestors pouring in on social media. The demonstrators shut down part of the Palmetto Expressway for hours yesterday. Governor DeSantis' new law calls for demonstrators who do so to be arrested, charged with a misdemeanor, and held without bond overnight. Legal experts say if the law is not applied fairly it could be challenged as unconstitutional. **7:30am, 8:30am**

7/15 – Restoration will start today on a mural in Overtown featuring George Floyd's image. It was defaced. Floyd's presence on the mural part of a tribute to the Blacks Lives Matter Movement. The mural at NW 1st Avenue and 16th Street also features Colin Kaepernick and Breonna Taylor. **7:30am, 8:30am**

7/15 – The marble statue of Dr. Mary McCleod Bethune that will be in the Capitol in statuary hall is on its way from Italy to Daytona Beach before heading to D.C. When her statue is installed next year, she'll replace a confederate general.

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7/16 – There is a growing divide between Cuban American protestors and the national Chapter of Black Lives Matter after the organization issued a statement condemning the U.S. government for its role in the suffering of Cubans on the island. Some Cuban activists ticked off Black Lives Matter activists condemned the U.S. **7:30am, 8:30am**

7/16 – Thousands of Cuban Americans who've literally been protesting in the streets in South Florida for days are breaking Governor Ron DeSantis anti-riot law and there are no consequences. They say they'll be demonstrating again today at the Freedom Tower in downtown Miami. **7:30am, 8:30am**

7/19 – The Fort Lauderdale/Broward Chapter of the NAACP is meeting this Thursday, July 22nd, 7PM. More info available at: NAACPFTLbroward.com
7:30am, 8:30am 7/19 Governor Ron DeSantis is asking Cuban American protestors not too take to the streets to demonstrate --- saying it's for their own safety. It's a seriously different approach than the one he took last summer with Black Lives Matter protestors. **7:30am, 8:30am**

7/19 – When police make traffic stops --- they're much more respectful when they speak to white men, than they are to blacks. That's no surprise to most black people --- but as the website The Root is reporting there is now research to back it up. Researchers reporting the finding after analyzing body camera footage of more than 100 officers. Experts say the research is one step in identifying the problem --- and shows HOW MUCH WORK law enforcement needs to do. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/4 – Five Miami Beach cops facing criminal charges for the brutal way they arrested two men last week --- one of them was just recording the violence. Officers were seen on video beating and kicking Donlata Cruddup who was already on the ground and in handcuffs. This happened last Monday inside the lobby of the Royal Palm hotel --- Police also beat Khalid Vaughn who was just recording the violence. Police say they chased Cruddup down in the first place after he allegedly struck an officer while riding a scooter. Officers, David Rivas, Steven Serrano, Kevin Perez, Robert Sabter and Sergeant Jose Perez all facing misdemeanor battery charges right now. The State Attorney says the investigation is ongoing. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/4 – The Miami Beach police department has temporarily suspended a law giving cops the right to arrest anyone they consider interfering with their duties. The change and more training coming in the wake of video of, yet another Miami

Beach cop seen on video getting violent with another Black person last month --- a woman. The cop seen on video using his bike to knock Mariah Maple over, using pepper spray on her --- and arresting her under the new law --- which requires people to stay at least 25 feet away from officers while they're making an arrest. Five Miami Beach cops already facing criminal charges for doing the same thing to a Black man last month. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/30 – A judge refusing to throw out the criminal case against the man who pulled a gun on a group Black teenaged protestors and yelled racist slurs at them. It happened on the King holiday in 2019. The judge also refusing to allow Mark Bartlett to use the “stand your ground” defense. He’s facing hate crime charges: including aggravated assault. The teens were protesting a lack of affordable housing in Liberty City. **7:30am, 8:30am**

9/24 – Three of the Miami Beach cops seen on video brutally beating two Black men at the Royal Palm South Beach hotel will now face felony charges: prosecutors upgrading the charges against Officer, Kevin Perez and Sergeant, Jose Perez --- now charged with felony battery. Officer Steven Serrano charged with a felony for allegedly lying about what happened in the official report. Sabater is also facing a misdemeanor battery charges, along with two other officers, Robert Sabater and David Rivas. **7:30am, 8:30am**

COVID-19

7/14 – The CDC reporting a dramatic increase in the number of COVID cases in the US, up in some places by as much as 50%, driven by the Delta variant. Doctors say people who're not vaccinated account for most of the new cases. **7:30, 8:30AM**

7/15 – Today the federal government starts sending out the first child tax money, officially known as a child tax credit. It's part of President Biden's plan to help families impacted by the economic crisis caused by the pandemic. **6:30, 7:30am, 8:30am**

7/15 – Norwegian Cruise Line is suing Florida in federal court for the right to require passengers get vaccinated against the Coronavirus. Norwegian is scheduled to start cruising again next month and says the lawsuit is a last resort to help make sure passengers and crew have the best chance of staying healthy while on board. **6:30am, 7:30am**

7/19 – A federal appeals court siding with the cruise lines: allowing the industry to enforce the CDC's rules to keep ships as safe as possible. In a separate case, Norwegian cruise line is suing to stop a DeSantis policy that prevents businesses from requiring customers to show proof they've been vaccinated; so, called vaccine passports. **6:30am, 7:30am**

7/19 – The number of new COVID cases in Florida is surging to 45,000 almost double last week's number. The White House says Florida has one out of every five new COVID cases in the country. Florida has been averaging 10,000 cases a day for the past week. **6:30am, 7:30am**

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7/19 – The COVID rate in Florida so high, the state called out by the White House --- experts say one in every five new cases in the country are right here. The state's infection rate making news as far away as the United Kingdom. Florida has been averaging almost ten thousand cases a day for the past week. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/4 – Florida setting another pandemic record --- 11,515 people in the hospital with COVID, the most in a single day. The figure up, more than a thousand cases from the previous day. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/4 – Governor DeSantis refusing to institute a mask mandate or institute any protocols to protect public health. He's blaming the media for what he calls quote, 'hysteria' over the surge in the number of cases and says there are no plans for state TESTING sites. County testing sites say they're seeing a 100 percent increase in the number of people who're getting tested. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/4 – Experts say wearing a mask is one of the best ways to help your child avoid getting infected with the Coronavirus. Parents also urged to be aware of kids' symptoms, pretty much the same as they've been all along, fever, cough, congestion, stomach aches and a loss of smell or taste. It can be difficult to tell if your child just has a cold, or if they've been infected with the coronavirus. IF the child has ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS, get them tested for COVID. **7:30am, 8:30am**

Since school started last week in Broward more than 500 students have had to quarantine. So far this year there is no remote learning option --- and FRIDAY the State Department of Education threatened to essentially withhold funds that amount to the salaries of school board members if their districts refuse to drop mandatory mask requirements. **7:30am, 8:30am**

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The number of COVID deaths in Broward growing so rapidly, Broward Health Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale is adding a temporary morgue – a refrigerated space to help handle the bodies. The massive spike in hospitalizations and deaths driven by the Delta variant. **7:30am, 8:30am**

The NAACP among the organizations suing to get rid of the Florida health department rule that bans masks in school. Governor Ron DeSantis is fighting tooth and nail to keep it. He does not want school districts to require masks. He believes parents should have the right to decide if their child should mask up. **7:30am, 8:30am**

Children's hospitals are bracing for more cases as schools reopen, hiring more nurses and prepping staff to handle an increase in cases. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/11 – The Memorial Health care system in Broward has already started postponing elective surgeries --- The Chief Medical Officer says the hospital currently has the most COVID patients ever--- and that there are only so many beds, so many doctors and only so many nurses. Statewide more than 12,000 people are in the hospital with COVID. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/20 – Today is the first day of school in Miami Dade. 500 Broward students have already been asked to quarantine since school started last Wednesday. Thousands under quarantine in Palm Beach where school started earlier this month. So far this year there is no remote learning option --- and Friday the State Department of Education threatened to essentially withhold what amounts to the salaries of school board members if districts refuse to drop mandatory mask requirements. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/20 – Infectious disease experts are alarmed about a new variant of the Coronavirus --- the LAMDA variant --- and it may be even more contagious and resistant to vaccines than Delta. Experts say variants of COVID keep mutating trying to find a way to survive and the best way to protect yourself from COVID or any of the variants is to get vaccinated, wear a mask and when possible continue to practice social distancing. **7:30am, 8:30am**8/20 A lot of indoor activities that felt fairly safe a month or two ago are riskier now because the Delta variant is so contagious. Experts say wearing mask indoors and in crowded spaces is more important than ever. During the past week Florida had the most new cases of COVID anywhere in the country and one of the highest rates of hospitalizations. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/20 – School districts in Miami Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Alachua Counties all waiting to see how Governor Ron DeSantis intends to punish them for making masks mandatory. DeSantis has made several threats including cutting funding from the districts as well as the pay of Superintendents and Board members. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/26 – Florida setting another record when it comes to the Coronavirus. The most cases in a single day since the pandemic started: 26 ,203. The U.S. reporting a daily average of 100,000 people a day in the hospital with COVID --- the highest since last winter before vaccines became widely available. Florida has one of the highest rates of new infections in the country. Friday a Florida judge ruled Governor Ron DeSantis overstepped his authority when he banned school districts from making masks mandatory. DeSantis is expected to appeal. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/30 – Since children under 12 cannot get vaccinated --- masks and social distancing are their only options to try to avoid being infected with the Coronavirus. **7:30am, 8:30am**8/30 Public health experts pushing to get more teenagers vaccinated against COVID --- They say teens are at a special risk because they're in close contact with each other for so many reasons including changing classes, after school clubs and sports. Two veteran Highway Patrol officers among the latest members of law enforcement to die from COVID. Troopers Searn Hyrc and Ernest Brown passed away Saturday. Hyrc served 17

years as a Trooper and Brown 30. It's unclear how long they were ill with COVID. Their deaths coming in the wake of the deaths of FIVE South Florida law enforcement officers. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8.30 – The Miami Dade School community mourning the death of two employees: mother and daughter, a teacher and a school cafeteria manager, Lakisha Williams and Lillian Smith both lost their lives to COVID. According to Williams' husband neither woman was vaccinated. **7:30am, 8:30am**

9/3 – The latest one-day total of COVID cases trending downward: 13,774. For most of August Florida averaged more than 21,000 cases a day. It was also the deadliest month of the pandemic in the state. Last month alone, the Coronavirus killed 6,600 people. **7:30am, 8:30am**

9/9 – When cruise lines set sail from Florida, they say they'll do so following CDC rules and guidelines --- they plan to continue ask passengers for proof they've been vaccinated --- and among other things unvaccinated passengers will be required to buy travel insurance, practice social distancing and wear masks, unless they're on deck. **7:30am, 8:30am**

9/9 – When it comes to getting vaccinated against COVID, researchers say there's a split along party lines: that almost 90 percent of Democrats believe the vaccines are safe and effective while only half of Republicans surveyed believe advice from public health experts. So called "vaccine hesitancy" is being blamed for the most recent surge of COVID in Florida --- and experts like, the nation's leading infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci say getting a majority of Americans vaccinated is the only way to get the virus under control. **7:30am, 8:30am**

9/9 – The rate of new COVID infections in Florida is soaring. The department of health reported more than 73,000, almost THIRTY THOUSAND more than the week before. The 15 percent positivity rate, the highest it's been since a year ago. **7:30am, 8:30am**

9/24 – The latest one-day number of COVID cases, down dramatically, just over 6,100 a fraction of the cases on many days in August when there were as many as 20,000 cases a day. **7:30am, 8:30am**

9/24 – Governor Ron DeSantis continues to insist natural immunity against the Coronavirus is better than taking one of the vaccines. His newly installed Surgeon General, Dr. Joseph Lapado co-signing for Desantis saying there is a lot of data that shows natural immunity keeps people from getting really sick from COVID and from being re-infected. Most infectious disease experts disagree. **7:30am, 8:30am**

9/24 – The latest one-day number of new COVID cases in Florida just over 10,000. First time in four days the number has gone over the 10,000 mark. Still that figure nowhere near the height of the latest wave in August in Florida where there were days with 20,000 cases or more. Last month also the deadliest month of the pandemic in Florida. Almost 9,000 people in the sunshine state killed by COVID. **7:30am, 8:30am**

9/24 – Governor DeSantis has installed a new Surgeon General, a black physician who believes in herd immunity, has questioned the safety of vaccines and whether masks work to help keep people safe, Dr. Joseph Lapado He's in lock step with the governor, AGAINST vaccine mandates, school closures and lockdowns. His predecessor, Dr. Scott Rivkees has been basically invisible since last year after suggesting Floridians could need to practice social distancing for as long as a year. **7:30am, 8:30am**

9/17 – Nursing home residents in Florida dying at an alarming rate from COVID -- - the state has one of HIGHEST death rates and one of the lowest rates of fully vaccinated employees and residents. The AARP raising concerns about the death toll and the continuing number of residents and staff who're not vaccinated: calling the trend a heartbreaking reminder the pandemic is not over and urging people to get vaccinated.

By November kids between five and 11 could start getting vaccinated against the Coronavirus. Pfizer will reportedly apply to the FDA to get approval for emergency use for that age group next month.

You can get vaccinated and tested for COVID this Saturday at Mount Nebo Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale: 22nd Avenue and 22nd Street in Fort Lauderdale. Again, this Saturday, 9AM to 2PM. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself.
7:30am, 8:30am

9/23 If kids in Florida's public schools are exposed to the virus, it's now up to their parents to decide if they want their child to quarantine --- Some parents outraged at the DeSantis decision – an emergency rule put into effect by the state's new surgeon general. That rule has thrown a monkey wrench into the plans of parents who're suing the state --- they say to help protect their kids from COVID. The emergency rule allows the DeSantis administration to dodge a lawsuit brought by parents. **7:30am, 8:30am**

SEVERE WEATHER HOT 105 NEWS/PSA's

8/3 – Two new tropical systems to tell you about Julian and Kate. It's too early to know if or how they could potentially impact South Florida. HOT 105 will always KEEP you up to the minute. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/11 – The latest advisory from the National Hurricane Center now shows a fairly good chance most of South Florida won't be directly impacted by a system in the Atlantic --- most forecast models now show it either going toward the Keys or Florida's West Coast. Still, we could be looking at a LOT of rain. **7:30am, 8:30am**

8/26 – Another windy day in the forecast --- this is not a good day for boating or going to the beach a small craft advisory is in effect – along with a rip current warning. Strong winds leading to the death of a Fort Lauderdale man. 61-year-old Fred Salter's friends say he ignored warnings about high winds --- and went kite surfing anyway. A gust of wind blew him about 400 feet into the second floor of a home in the 2600 block of North Atlantic Boulevard. He survived the impact --- but died about three hours after he was rushed to the hospital. **7:30am, 8:30am**

9/3 – If your neighborhood floods, brace yourself --- King Tides start today---- high tides that can rise by a foot or more. Its phenomenon caused when the earth is in a position with the sun and moon that creates a stronger pull of gravity on the ocean. This round of King Tides expected to last through Saturday, coming back about the first week of October, then again later in the month. **7:30am, 8:30am**