

WDPN Issues/Program List
2021 – 1st Quarter

WDPN in Wilmington, Delaware has determined the following issues are matters of importance the community:

Below is a list of issues covered during newsbreaks which air 3 times a day, Monday through Friday and run for 1:00 long on WDPN.

WDPN/MeTV2	Newsbreaks		
ISSUE	OUTLINE	DATE	LENGTH
Environment	Starting today, a new law prohibits grocery stores and other retailers from providing "single-use" plastic bags at checkout.	01/01/21	:14
Crime	Police in Dover have arrested a man after a woman was shot inside a hotel room.	01/04/21	:14
Covid	No businesses have received fines since the state announced a zero-tolerance enforcement policy for COVID-19 restrictions on December 14th.	01/05/21	:15
Politics	Residents of Delaware have contributed nearly 400-thousand dollars to the candidates running in the pivotal runoff races for two U.S. Senate seats in Georgia.	01/06/21	:15
Law	A federal appeals court has upheld the dismissal of a lawsuit.	01/07/21	:14
Covid	Lawmakers in Delaware want a special committee to investigate how the state's Department of Correction has handled the COVID-19 pandemic.	01/08/21	:15
Drugs/Guns/Crime	Delaware State Police say that a traffic stop that uncovered drugs and guns led to firearms charges for two people from Georgia.	01/11/21	:15
Crime	Delaware State Police said they arrested two 14-year-old boys after they attempted a carjacking in Newark.	01/12/21	:15
Public Safety	Pennsylvania Republican lawmakers want to overturn a ban on gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing in the Delaware River basin.	01/13/21	:15
Education	Teachers in Delaware held a drive-in demonstration urging their school district to return to virtual learning.	01/14/21	:14

Taxes	Delaware lawmakers are proposing new tax brackets for higher income individuals.	01/15/21	:15
Covid	State officials say Delaware residents who are not currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine got vaccinated at an event in Dover.	01/18/21	:15
Guns	Two Georgia men are facing felony firearms charges after a traffic stop in Wilmington.	01/19/21	:15
Prison System	A state lawmaker in Delaware wants to create a task force to study how prison officials are handling the coronavirus pandemic.	01/21/21	:14
Politics	Democrats John Carney and Bethany Hall-Long have been sworn into their second terms as Delaware's governor and lieutenant governor.	01/22/21	:15
Public Health/ Environment	The Dupont and Chemours companies have agreed to resolve legal disputes over pollution liabilities.	01/25/21	:15
Marijuana Legalization	Delaware's state auditor says legalizing and taxing marijuana could bring 43-million dollars in revenue a year.	01/27/21	:15
Elections/Voting	Delaware Governor John Carney plans to make mail-in voting permanent and mandate higher use of renewable energy sources.	01/28/21	:14
Economy/State Budget	Delaware Governor John Carney is proposing a four-point-seven-billion-dollar operating budget for the fiscal year starting July 1st.	01/29/21	:15
School Funding	Officials in New Castle County have agreed to conduct a general reassessment of all real property to settle a lawsuit over school funding.	02/02/21	:14
Big Business	A Delaware judge has refused to dismiss a lawsuit filed by McDonald's against former CEO Stephen Eastbrook.	02/03/21	:14
Covid/Vaccine	Delaware officials are expanding the state's coronavirus vaccination program.	02/04/21	:15
Covid/Veterans	Officials say many workers at Delaware's state-run veterans' home are refusing to get the COVID-19 vaccine.	02/05/21	:14
Stopping Violence	Baltimore, Maryland held its first CeaseFire weekend of 20-21.	02/08/21	:15

	Supporters of the CeaseFire event hope to bring an end to violence.		
Crime	State police say a man has been charged with murder in a fatal stabbing at a party.	02/09/21	:14
Fraud	Delaware consumers made the second highest rate of fraud complaints in the nation per capita last year.	02/10/21	:15
Drug Addiction	A new report out about opioid deaths in Delaware found that more than a third of victims who died from overdoses, didn't have adequate housing, experienced trauma or had overdosed at least once before.	02/11/21	:14
Covid Vaccine	Delaware officials are delaying plans for the third phase of the state's COVID vaccine distribution.	02/12/21	:14
Business	Commercial flights have resumed at New Castle Airport for the first time in nearly six years.	02/15/21	:14
Crime	A Delaware man has been arrested in connection with a series of jewelry store robberies in New Jersey.	02/16/21	:14
Covid	The state is seeing its lowest mark in COVID-19 hospitalizations in three-months.	02/17/21	:15
Environment/ Wildlife	A 3-week-old seal pup has been rescued after being found huddled against the dunes at Cape Henlopen State Park in Lewes.	02/19/21	:15
Covid Vaccine	Delaware held its largest COVID-19 vaccination event to date at the Dover International Speedway.	02/22/21	:15
Education/ Economy	Delaware's Attorney General is pushing President Biden to cancel up to 50-thousand dollars in federal student loan debt for all borrowers.	02/23/21	:15
Covid Testing/Prevention	More than 100-thousand people in Delaware have downloaded an app to help alert them to potential COVID-19 exposures.	02/24/21	:15
Elderly/Covid	Long-term care facilities represent the single deadliest environment for coronavirus patients in Delaware.	02/25/21	:14
Postal Service	A post office in Delaware will be renamed after a Black woman who was an abolitionist, suffragette and newspaper editor in the 19th Century.	02/26/21	:15

Crime	Authorities say four men were wounded in a shooting Sunday at an I-HOP restaurant in Wilmington.	03/01/21	:15
Public Health	State Health officials say that only 11 cases of the flu have been reported this season.	03/02/21	:14
Covid Vaccine	Delaware has received eight-thousand doses of the newly approved Johnson & Johnson vaccine.	03/03/21	:15
Health	The Delaware Division of Public Health says that only 11 cases of the flu have been reported this season.	03/04/21	:15
Crime	Delaware is among nearly 40 states that took part in stopping a massive telefunding operation.	03/05/21	:14
Transportation	The Delaware Department of Transportation is expanding the popular Breakwater Trail network into the City of Rehoboth.	03/08/21	:15
Coronavirus	Delaware has hit its lowest total of coronavirus related hospitalizations in more than five months.	03/10/21	:14
Education	The House will vote on a bill mandating Delaware elementary schools be staff with counselors, social workers and psychologists.	03/11/21	:14
Environment	The Delaware Senate approved an anti-pollution bill. It outlaws the intentional release of balloons into the environment.	03/12/21	:14
Police Brutality	Two Delaware police officers have been named in a lawsuit alleging excessive force.	03/15/21	:15
Employment/Wages	Supporters backing a minimum wage hike in Delaware say they have new hope this year.	03/16/21	:14
Gun Control	A Delaware proposal to outlaw homemade ghost guns has been advanced by a committee for consideration by the full house.	03/17/21	:14
Bankruptcy	A Delaware judge is not pleased with the progression of the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy case.	03/18/21	:14

THE 302

- 1) Self-Help
- 2) Mental Health
- 3) History/Entertainment/Arts
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- 5) Arts
- 6) History
- 7) Entertainment
- 8) History
- 9) Arts
- 10) History/Politics
- 11) Health/Covid
- 12) Women's History
- 13) History

The above issues were addressed on the following programs aired on **The 302**, which airs on WDPN-MeTV2 Saturdays at 6:00AM and re-airs Sundays at 8:00AM. The 302 features stories from around the area that impact our economy and the well-being of our citizens. Jacci Farris hosts the program.

Treatment of specific topics was provided as follows:

Program #1: The 302

Date: January 2 & 3, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: Self-Help

Description: New Year, New You. With the new year upon us, The 302 is learning how to get organized and get ready for a great 2021.

Program #2: The 302

Date: January 9 & 10, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: Mental Health

Description: Living your best life. The 302 talks to a life coach about how to get motivated.

Program #3: The 302

Date: January 16 & 17, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: History/Entertainment/Arts

Description: Johnson Victrola museum. The 302 checks out the history of the victrola in Dover.

Program #4: The 302

Date: January 23 & 24, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: History/Entertainment/Arts

Description: Read House and Gardens. The 302 learns about early design at one of Wilmington's most famous houses.

Program #5: The 302

Date: January 30 & 31, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: Arts

Description: Stairway to Heaven: Life and Death in the Visions of Salvador Dali. The 302 talks with curators at the Biggs Museum of American Art in Dover about a new exhibition on the master of surrealism.

Program #6: The 302

Date: February 6 & 7, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: History

Description: The 302 visits the John Dickenson Plantation in Dover to learn about its rich history.

Program #7: The 302

Date: February 13 & 14, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: Entertainment

Description: DuPont Love Stories for Valentines Day Weekend

Program #8: The 302

Date: February 20 & 21, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: History

Description: The 302 visits the Air Mobility Command Museum to check out the aircraft and learn about aviation history.

Program #9: The 302

Date: February 27 & 28, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: Arts

Description: John Schoonover. The 302 visits the studio of the acclaimed artist to learn about his work.

Program #10: The 302

Date: March 6 & 7, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: History/Politics

Description: Bidens Wilmington. The 302 takes a look at all of President Biden's favorite places in his hometown.

Program #11: The 302

Date: March 13 & 14, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: Health/Covid

Description: Delaware state Covid update. The 302 talks with lieutenant governor Bethany call Long about the latest efforts to protect the community.

Program #12: The 302

Date: March 20 & 21, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: Women's History

Description: First women of the first state. The 302 takes a look at Pioneer women in Delaware.

Program #13: The 302

Date: March 27 & 28, 2021

Time: 6:00 AM and 7:30 AM

Duration: 30:00

Topic: History/Entertainment

Description: Hale-Byrnes House. The 302 visits a historic landmark in New Castle Delaware.

JERSEY MATTERS

- 1) Covid-19: Spread of Virus/Flu
- 2) Covid-19 Vaccines
- 3) Covid-19: Schools Virtual Learning
- 4) Covid-19: Re-Opening New Jersey/Unemployment
- 5) Covid-19 Nursing Homes
- 6) Healthcare
- 7) Election /Politicians
- 8) Marijuana
- 9) Police Reform in NJ
- 10) Capitol Riots/Impeachment

Jersey Matters- This 60-minute discussion program airs Saturdays at 5:00am.

Treatment of specific topics was provided as follows:

Topic- Covid-19: Spread of Virus/Flu

Description: A regular guest of the show, Dr. Rey Panettierri, returns to talk about Covid 19 and the change in mutations, as vaccine rolls out. Larry speaks with Senator Pennachio on the Covid-19 hearings that will take place in the Senate. Larry does his commentary on the decisions of Dr. Anthony Fauci, with regard to mask wearing and how long the pandemic would last.

Topic: Covid-19 Vaccines

Description: Larry speaks with Pat Kelly, the VP of Healthcare Distribution Alliance, about the rollout of vaccine in NJ pharmacies. Then, the subject of access to Coronavirus Vaccine, is addressed with Steven Landers, the CEO of VNA Health Group. Phil Andrews speaks with the head of Johnson & Johnson about their rollout of the single-dose Covid-19 vaccine.

Topic: Covid-19: Schools Virtual Learning

Description: Kimberly Kravitz reports on the various opinions on teachers in NJ being forced to vaccinate. Marie Blistan, CEO of NJEA, is on to share her thoughts on when students should return to school. Phil Andrews discusses the topic of virtual learning with three teachers and parents. Larry speaks with a school teacher about how she feels about getting the vaccine, she also has children learning from home.

Topic: Covid-19: Re-Opening New Jersey/Unemployment

Description: 1/3 of Small Businesses closed since last March and Kimberly Kravitz spoke to a number of people who are in that situation. Jennifer Marin talks to the owner of a café, specifically open for those hard of hearing, who attempted to open last March. Kimberly Kravitz talks to some residents who have been waiting on their unemployment benefits to kick in for nearly a year.

Topic: Covid-19 Nursing Homes

Description: Kimberly Kravitz reports on the thousands of Covid-19 deaths that took place in nursing homes. Larry does a commentary on Governor Andrew Cuomo and his hiding of deaths in NJ Nursing Homes. NJ.com reporter, Susan Livio, conducted an investigative report on Nursing Home deaths in NJ due to Covid-19.

Topic: Healthcare

Description: Larry talks to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield about their change in healthcare benefits. Then, Larry speaks with Rebecca Sheer of SOMA about how the plans will hurt New Jersey residents.

Topic: Election /Politicians

Description: There is a new law that will ban political ads in the upcoming election. Larry speaks with Asm. Zwicker about the change. Then, Jack Ciattarelli, Republican challenger for governor, returns to the program. Shortly after that, Hirsch Singh, another Republican Challenger of Murphy talks about his plans for governor. As promised, we also had on Joe Rullo, since he announced he is running for governor. In an effort to give equal opportunity, Larry speaks with Republican Candidate for Governor, Phil Rizzo.

Topic: Marijuana

Description: Larry speaks with the Coalition for Medical Marijuana, after it was soon to be legalized in NJ. Then, Phil Andrews, does a follow-up report on how this will affect the state economy. After the State Budget Address, Larry spoke with Asm. Jon Bramnick, about his frustrations with the marijuana law. Larry talks to Sheriff Shaun Golden of Monmouth County about his gripes with the new marijuana law.

Topic: Police Reform in NJ

Description: Larry speaks with the head of the Chief Police Association in NJ, Howell Police Chief, Andrew Kudrick. This is his response to the Attorney General's new requirements for law enforcement.

Topic: Capitol Riots/Impeachment

Description: Days following the riots on Capitol Hill, Larry spoke with two Congressmen who were there – Frank Pallone and Albio Sires. Larry speaks with Prosecutor Onofri of Mercer County, to see how he feels safety in NJ is following the Capitol riots. Larry invites Bonnie Watson Coleman on, following the weeks of the Capitol Riots, to discuss her views on impeachment.