

ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST  
Quarterly Issues Programs List for KSTP-AM  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
Jan. 1 – March. 30, 2020

**Section I. Issues**

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. Minnesota politics
- B. COVID-19
- C. Health care
- D. Ethics
- E. Heart + blood pressure issues

**Section II. Responsive Programs**

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

**A. Minnesota politics**

1. Minnesota Matters, Jan. 5, 2020, 6:00-6:10a – 2019 top political stories and a look to 2020, plus election security discussion with MN Sec of State Steve Simon
2. Minnesota Matters, Jan. 19, 2020, 6:00-6:10a – A discussion about the upcoming presidential race, a Minnesota state bonding bill and refugee resettlement. Plus primary voting returns to MN.
3. Minnesota Matters, Feb. 16, 2020, 6:00-6:10a – Discussion about the start of Minnesota legislative session, and incidents of white supremacist propaganda up in Minnesota.

**B. COVID-19**

1. Radio Health Journal, March 22, 2020, 6:30-6:43a – The US takes on coronavirus -- In the past 10 days, the US has finally begun to institute aggressive tactics against coronavirus that may limit its spread and the death toll. But many Americans remain confused about what they should do and why. One of the nation's most authoritative infectious disease experts discusses.
2. Radio Health Journal, March 22, 2020, 6:46-6:53a – The effect of public policies on the coronavirus fight -- The effectiveness of efforts to contain coronavirus often depend on governmental policies determined years or even decades ago that, at the time, had nothing to do with public health. A health policy expert discusses some of these policies and what they mean for coronavirus testing and treatment.
3. Minnesota Matters, March. 20, 2020, 6:00-6:10a ALL COVID-19— Discussion about the impact of the virus across a wide array of areas: Legislative, emotional, financial, charity opportunities, impact on sports and leisure.

### **C. Health care**

1. Radio Health Journal, Jan. 5, 2020, 6:30-6:43a – Avoiding mistakes while dealing with aging -- As loved ones age, tough decisions need to be made on finances, housing, and other concerns, and these decisions need to be made far earlier than they typically are. This is especially true if a person does not have family to act as support and caregiver. Two experts discuss managing the transition from complete independence as we age.

2. Radio Health Journal, Jan. 12, 2020, 6:30-6:43a – Hand-washing and handshaking bans -- Some hospital units have set up handshake bans because too few healthcare workers wash hands well enough to keep from spreading germs. The general public is even worse at washing hands, which has caused spread of serious disease. Some experts say handshakes foster important human connections and oppose bans. Experts discuss and describe what it takes to wash hands well enough to be “clean.”

3. Radio Health Journal, Jan. 19, 2020, 6:30-6:43a – Crushing medical debt -- Nearly a quarter of us owe past due medical debt, and hospitals are moving more aggressively to collect. The rise is the result of a tradeoff--Americans have avoided higher health insurance premiums only to be jeopardized by extremely high deductibles and out of-network costs. Experts explain what unpaid medical debt can mean, how patients can escape its clutches, and how one charity works to buy and forgive debt.

4. Radio Health Journal, March 8, 2020, 6:45-6:53a – Healthcare for children in poverty -- Poor children often can't access healthcare or other needs in spite of decades of efforts. A pediatrician who has established clinics for the poor discusses the problem.

### **D. Ethics**

1. Radio Health Journal, Feb. 16, 2020, 6:30-6:43a – Medical child abuse -- Parents who have a mental illness known as factitious disorder may fake or induce illness in their children to get attention, sometimes taking kids to hundreds of medical visits and deceiving doctors into performing numerous procedures and surgeries. Experts and a parent who got his child out of an abusive situation discuss how the legal & medical system may fail kids, danger signs and the road to recovery.

2. Radio Health Journal, Jan. 5, 2020, 6:45-6:59a -- Telling lies; who does it and why? -- Lies aren't always bad. Often, they're told to be polite, and compassionate people are most likely to tell whoppers. But as the stakes of lies rise, honesty trumps kindness. Yet few people are ever able to distinguish when they're being told lies. Experts explain.

3. Radio Health Journal, March 1, 2020, 6:45-6:59a – Big data in medicine -- Some experts believe the healthy lifespan eventually may be extended to hundreds of years through genetic manipulation. This brings many philosophical and ethical questions, which a noted science author discusses.

### **E. Heart + blood pressure issues**

1. Radio Health Journal, Jan. 12, 2020, 6:45-6:53a – Broken heart syndrome -- When a person suffers a severe emotional shock, they may suffer what looks like a heart attack but is actually what doctors call “stress cardiomyopathy.” Most patients recover but the condition can be fatal, confirming that it is possible to die of a broken heart. An expert explains.

2. Radio Health Journal, Feb. 23, 2020, 6:30-6:43a – Genes and high cholesterol -- More than 100 million Americans have high cholesterol, a major risk factor for heart disease. Most people think of their diets as the main cause, but genetics also play a role in both good and bad ways. A noted expert discusses how scientists are harnessing cholesterol genes to lower the risk of heart attacks.

3. Radio Health Journal, March 29, 2020, 6:45-6:53a – Kidney disease and high blood pressure -- More than 100 million Americans have high cholesterol, a major risk factor for heart disease. Most people think of their diets as the main cause, but genetics also play a role in both good and bad ways. A noted expert discusses how scientists are harnessing cholesterol genes to lower the risk of heart attacks.