

WHAM-TV
ISSUES AND PROGRAMMING REPORT
SECOND QUARTER 2020

Attached is a description of significant community concerns and examples of the kind of responsive programming WHAM-TV aired that addressed those issues of concern during the period of April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. The following topics were identified as areas of concern for area residents:

Health
Government
Economy
Public Safety
Education
Minority Affairs

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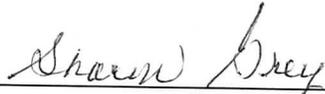
The bulk of responsive programming is addressed through the station's various news and social media platforms.

13WHAM News is Rochester's leading source of television news offering five newscasts each day Monday through Friday and two newscasts each day Saturday and Sunday.

WHAM-TV is always on at 13wham.com. The station website offers in-depth coverage of many of the stories in the headlines that are of concern to the community. Each day Monday through Friday, the station offers live streaming of 13WHAM News at Noon. Live streaming allows WHAM-TV the opportunity to bring breaking news events to the community as they occur. 13WHAM News reporters add content, context, and perspective to the day's news through daily blogs. People in the community can connect with 13WHAM News through Facebook and follow the station on Twitter.

MANY VOICES, MANY VISIONS

In addition to its comprehensive news coverage in addressing community needs, WHAM-TV airs a weekly public affairs program, "Many Voices, Many Visions", which airs Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. The show explores our community's diversity in terms of race, ethnicity, creed, religion, age, gender orientation, and ability. Educators are invited to use the materials in classrooms. The video for each show is available online at 13wham.com, click on "Many Voices, Many Visions" under "Community".

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HEALTH

Health is a constant concern for the Rochester area community and includes such topics as health care, new advances in research, as well as tips for living a healthier life.

April 1, 2020

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Alexis Arnold reports that progress is being made on covid-19 testing. Both hospital systems in Rochester now have access to automated tests. While this will allow for more people to get tested patients in the hospital, emergency room, nursing homes and health care workers will receive priority. This is because the chemicals in the test are in short supply

April 5, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that the governor also said new rapid covid-19 testing is now under way in New York State. The program is only in trials right now. The governor says new treatments and faster diagnosis will help get us through. The Trump Administration says it is buying covid-19 rapid-tests for state labs across the country. Each state will get 15. The new devices were approved by federal officials Friday.

April 6, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that a second US company is poised to begin a small safety test of a vaccine against covid-19. The company has permission to study 40 healthy volunteers in Philadelphia and Kansas City. Another vaccine candidate became the first to begin safety studies in people last month in Seattle. A vaccine isn't expected to be widely available for over a year.

April 7, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that a new study finds most pregnant women with coronavirus do not experience more severe illness than other patients. They also don't appear to pass the virus onto their babies. The study is based on data collected from 43 pregnant women diagnosed with the virus in New York last month. Only 4 developed severe forms and 2 experienced "critical disease." This contrasts with past research on pregnant women with SARS and the flu.

April 8, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that the covid-19 pandemic is taking a toll in the ongoing battle against the opioid epidemic many in the throes of addiction are unable to receive vital services and support. If you need help or know someone who does we have a link to more resources on 13wham.com.

April 9, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that scientists continue to work around the clock to gather information on fighting covid-19. At the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases scientists are using samples of the virus to try to develop therapies and vaccines along with learning how it spreads, and how to stop it. This is prompting more questions.

April 13, 2020

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Ginny Ryan reports that Wegmans also announced today it will begin conducting wellness checks for its employees at local stores. The checks include taking a worker's temperature at the beginning of their shifts. Anyone exhibiting symptoms, or a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, will be asked to go home, with pay and contact their medical provider.

April 16, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that it's a discussion that is serious and sometimes uncomfortable to think about, advanced directives. It's a statement of what someone wants done in a certain medical circumstance should they not be able to communicate their wishes to a doctor. It can include a "do not resuscitate" order and organ donations. Now, during a pandemic, doctors say it's important to have these conversations with family and a doctor as situations have changed. Doctors recommends advance directives for anyone over 50. He says for those who have already made advanced directives go back and look and make sure it still reflects your wishes.

April 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that the World Health Organization wants everyone to know drinking alcohol won't kill coronavirus. That's because even though alcohol of certain strengths can kill the virus on surfaces it doesn't work that way in your body. It's actually the opposite. Alcohol consumption weakens your immune system and gives the virus a leg up. Experts say to limit your alcohol consumption or just stop altogether.

April 20, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports on the impact the coronavirus is having here in Monroe County. Over the weekend the number of confirmed cases surpassed 1,000. The number of coronavirus related deaths is now at 71. 97 people remain in the hospital. However, some reassuring news, more than 400 confirmed cases have recovered.

April 21, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that according to a new report from the American Lung Association which found air quality in the US is declining dramatically. It's been especially bad for those with respiratory issues like asthma. The report says warmer temperatures contributed to the rise of ozone levels in many areas which can cause asthma attacks and shortness of breath. The top 5 most-polluted cities are all in California. Almost half of the US population is breathing heavily polluted air.

April 22, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Matt Molloy reports to a breakthrough in anti-body testing right here in Rochester. Tests that can instantly tell if someone has had covid-19 have been developed by U of R scientists. They say this could also lead to new treatments and vaccines.

April 23, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that high cholesterol in Americans appears to be declining. That's according to a new report from the National Center for Health Statistics. Between 2000 and 2018 cholesterol levels went down 43%. The report didn't explain why Americans have better cholesterol now but more than half of Americans diagnosed with high cholesterol are on medications and nearly half have modified their diet and exercise.

April 24, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that the largest long-term study of adolescent brain development will continue at URMC. The institution has been awarded \$7.5 million dollars by the National Institutes of Health. It will allow researchers to continue to follow more than 300 local adolescents for the next 7 years as part of the adolescent brain cognitive development study. The study is 3 years in and has already led to a better understanding of how sleep, screen time and family conflict impact the brain and play a role in mental illness.

April 27, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that testing efforts are increasing across the country and here in New York. All frontline workers in the state will soon have access to a coronavirus test. That includes health care workers, first responders, and essential employees. They can get tested even if they have no symptoms. Pharmacies in New York will soon offer testing as well.

April 28, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that for the first time a blood test has been shown to help detect cancer in women before symptoms show. The test is still experimental and even its fans say it needs to be improved. The results released today show what benefits and drawbacks might come from using these gene-based tests called liquid biopsies. In the new study the test doubled the number of cancers detected when used along with standard screening tools. Alone the test missed more cancers than it found.

April 29, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that new information this morning about the effects coronavirus may have on children. Doctors in Europe are now looking into a rare condition that they say impacts the auto-immune response in kids. They say it's linked to toxic shock syndrome, with severe flu-like symptoms like fever, rashes, and difficulty breathing. In some cases children even experience heart inflammation.

April 30, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Matt Molloy reports that we are continuing to learn about a new drug that could help in the fight against coronavirus. The anti-viral drug, remdesivir is the first treatment to show preliminary promise in the fight against covid 19. Early data shows patients given remdesivir recovered 31% faster than patients who were given a placebo. The country's top infectious disease specialist Dr. Anthony Fauci has expressed optimism saying, for the first time there's proof a drug can block the virus. Researchers also believe that patients who took the drug were less likely to die, but they need more studies to be sure

May 1, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that just within the hour the FDA has authorized the use of remdesivir to treat coronavirus patients during emergencies. While the drug is not a cure, it has been shown to help the sickest covid-19 patients.

May 2, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that as we enter another month of social distancing more people are talking about mental hygiene. And it's timely because May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Counselors are recommending trying to focus on the positives. Even if they are little. Look for the silver lining. This helps keep your mind off uncertainties and prevents you from falling down a rabbit hole. If you or someone you know is in need of help call the Monroe County Lifeline at 585-275-5151.

May 3, 2020

13 WHAM News – 11 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that the potential coronavirus fighting drug rem-des-evir will reach hospitals this week. Remdesivir is an anti-ebola medication. Preliminary trials show it might shorten the hospital stays of severely sick coronavirus patients. The drug was approved by the FDA earlier this week.

May 4, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that at least 8 vaccine trials are now underway around the world, 2 in the US. The president is pushing for a vaccine to be ready by the end of the year. However doctors warn that while it is possible for the vaccine to be ready by January each new development comes with new challenges. A lead researcher on Oxford University's trial predicts people will need annual vaccinations, like the flu shot.

May 5, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that elective surgeries are now resuming at local hospitals. The University of Rochester Medical Center says it is prioritizing procedures and watching covid-19 cases for any spikes. Hospitals are also implementing social distancing rules. Patients will hear from their doctors about rescheduling any surgeries.

May 6, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Don Alhart reports new information tonight about that mysterious illness in kids that may be linked to covid-19. The state now says 64 potential cases of the condition have been reported in children in New York hospitals. Doctors say the heart becomes inflamed and blood vessels weaken which can lead to vital organs being damaged. Doctors says these cases are rare.

May 7, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports a new way of tracking covid-19 patients is now underway in our area. UR Medicine Primary Care has created an outpatient clinic devoted to evaluating people who may have covid. The team is monitoring patients who test positive and are recovering at home by asking them to use a secure app through the Get Well network. Through the app, patients answer questions daily about the severity of symptoms. Care managers and nurses can then receive alerts if a patient needs help. The clinic also reduces the chances that patients and staff at UR Medicine's other primary care locations will be exposed to the virus.

May 8, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that there is new concern about the availability of the only FDA approved drug -for treating coronavirus. Remdesivir is the only drug shown to be effective against covid-19 in a rigorous trial. But the drug's maker, Gilead Sciences, says there's only enough of it in the world for about 200,000 patients. So doctors now have to choose which of their patients will get it. Preliminary results show the drug shortens a patient's hospital stay by about 4 days.

May 11, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that new information this morning on that inflammatory illness in children believed to be linked to covid-19. The state is now investigating 85 cases. Governor Cuomo said yesterday 2 deaths that are under investigation are possibly linked to the illness as well.

May 12, 2020

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Don Alhart reports that the governor is also directing hospitals across the state to prioritize covid-19 testing for children. This follows 3 deaths and about 100 reported cases of an inflammatory illness in children believed to be linked to covid-19. A 9 year old from Hornell is one of them. He's now recovering at home after being treated at Golisano Children's Hospital.

May 13, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that New York continues to ramp up testing for all front line workers. The state now testing state troopers and correctional officers. Cuomo also says the essential workforce has tested lower than the general public for covid-19 antibodies. Signs of reopening continue across New York and 12 more counties have become eligible for elective surgeries. This as the Rochester region inches closer to reopening. On Friday manufacturing and construction business will be able to reopen. Retailers will be allowed to offer curbside pickup.

May 14, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that the CDC is set to issue a warning today to doctors about that severe inflammatory syndrome we are seeing in some children across the country. The alert is asking health officials to look out for the illness and report cases to state and local health departments. This midday cases of the syndrome have been reported in at least 16 states.

May 15, 2020

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Kris Betts reports that cows are being used to develop a possible antibody treatment for coronavirus. A biotherapeutics company in South Dakota, is hoping their blood could help make a drug to fight covid-19. Using genetic engineering, the cow produces human antibodies to the virus. Those antibodies are collected from the cow, and once purified, become a drug that might work to combat the coronavirus in humans

May 16, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that the FDA has given the green light for medical labs to test at-home coronavirus sample kits. The government granted an emergency authorization to Everlywell Corporation. The at home test will use a nasal sample to test for the virus. FDA officials say the at home kits protects people from potential exposure. They are available by prescription only.

May 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that coronavirus testing across the state is on the incline. The governor today encouraging anyone displaying covid-19 symptoms or who may have come in contact with someone whose tested positive is encouraged to get tested. To ease fears the governor showed just how simple testing is with a live demonstration.

May 18, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that new this midday the first coronavirus vaccine candidate to be tested on humans in the US is showing encouraging results. The company behind the vaccine Moderna says it's been found "generally safe" so far in a small study. The company says the vaccine is "well tolerated" and has been found to create antibodies against the virus. Phase 2 of the trial will begin soon with the 3rd phase expected to begin in July. The vaccine could be ready for the public as soon as January.

May 19, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that a new study out of URMC has found that human brain cells repair damage in multiple sclerosis. The study shows that when specific human brain cells are transplanted into animal models of multiple sclerosis the cells repair damage and restore function. In MS the loss of those cells result in the loss of sensory, motor and cognitive function. Researchers say this study provides one of the final pieces of evidence needed to advance this treatment strategy to clinical trials. They say this approach could also be applied to other neurological disorders.

May 20, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that researchers in Pennsylvania are working on a new way to possibly identify covid-19 in someone not yet showing symptoms. The key is medical detection dogs. The dogs are trained to predict prostate and ovarian cancers and diabetes. Researchers now believe they could do the same for coronavirus but there are concerns. In theory dogs could then screen people at an airport or returning to work. Researchers say the dogs are not exposed to the virus during the study.

May 21, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that antibody studies across the country are progressing. Emory University researchers say nearly all patients with antibodies show some immunity to coronavirus. Scientists say this will be crucial in creating more reliable testing and help in the race for a vaccine.

May 22, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that a new study has found hydroxychloroquine a drug President Trump touted as a treatment for covid-19 is linked to a greater risk of death and heart problems. That drug was thrust into the spotlight when trump began mentioning its name dozens of times during coronavirus briefings. While it has not been approved for this use he urged Americans to try it.

May 23, 2020

13 WHAM News – 11 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that new tonight UR medicine says it will start antibody testing next month. It will be available at Strong Memorial and Highland Hospitals as well as with its primary care providers on June 1st. UPMC says more information will be made available next week.

May 25, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Tanner Jubenville reports that The World Health Organization announced today it is suspending its clinical trial of Hydroxychloroquine because of safety concerns. The medication, best known for use against malaria and autoimmune disorders, has been touted as a possible answer to covid-19 by President Trump. The organization says evidence has shown harmful side effects of hydroxychloroquine, including heart problems and might even increase deaths. Mister Trump recently told reporters that he has been taking the drug to avoid contracting the disease.

May 27, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports new concerns today about the reliability of antibody tests for the coronavirus. The CDC is releasing new guidance saying that testing might be wrong up to half the time. The tests look for evidence of an immune response to the infection. The new guidance says health officials or health care providers who are using antibody tests need to use the most accurate test they can find and might need to test people twice.

May 29, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that UR Medicine will begin covid-19 antibody testing next week. The tests can help determine if someone has already been infected but it's still not known if having coronavirus antibodies makes someone immune to covid-19. Patients will need a testing order from their healthcare provider and must be diagnosed or in treatment for inflammatory syndrome of children, have previously experienced covid-19 symptoms but were not tested, or have recovered from the virus and are looking to donate plasma. UR Medicine says it expects to process nearly 500 tests per day, with results available in 24-48 hours.

June 1, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that the first human trial of an antibody therapy to treat covid-19 is now underway. Eli Lilly and Company says patients in New York, Los Angeles and Atlanta are now receiving the treatment. The trial's first phase will test whether the medicine is safe and well-tolerated. Results are expected in late June. If the trial proves to be effective against covid-19 the treatment could be available by fall.

June 2, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that the FDA is allowing more companies to make hand sanitizer expanding the types of companies allowed to make the product. That's because the demand for sanitizer is outpacing the supply during the pandemic. Some ethanol producers will be allowed to make hand sanitizers. The FDA warns it could mean allowing some small amounts of impurities with the products.

June 3, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Tanner Jubenville reports that some encouraging news in the fight against the coronavirus. Dr. Fauci says the US should have 100 million doses of a vaccine by the end of the year. The 1st viable vaccine candidate, made by biotech company Moderna, should go into the final stage of trials by mid-summer. This final stage will involve about 30,000 people between the ages of 18 and 55, as well as elderly patients and people who have underlying health conditions.

June 4, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Matt Molloy reports that a recent study suggests that parents are not keeping up with how much time kids spend looking at screens. Only a third of the parents surveyed were able to correctly guess their child's screen time.

June 8, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports new concern this morning that the US may be running out of a crucial drug used to combat covid-19. Remdesivir helps reduce the number of days patients are hospitalized. However, now the US Department of Health and Human Services says the last shipment goes out at the end of the month. Experts say the company making the drug is ramping up production and hope to have more over the summer.

June 9, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Kris Betts reports that the World Health Organization is now saying that the chances of someone who is asymptomatic infecting others is rare. The organization also adding that pre-symptomatic cases can be more contagious.

June 10, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that experts across the country and locally have expressed concern about a coronavirus spike following the recent protests. Monroe County Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Mendoza says if people were at the protests the past 2 weeks and got tested those results will be coming soon. Mendoza added that he is optimistic and was glad to see many wearing a mask during the protests.

June 11, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that US surgeons have successfully performed a double lung transplant on covid-19 patient for first time. The patient is a young woman who spent 6 weeks on a ventilator while fighting the infection. Doctors believe the operation offers new hope for those with extensive lung damage from coronavirus.

June 12, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that meantime efforts are underway here in Rochester to find a vaccine. Both hospital systems have teamed up and yesterday 40 people received the first dose of an experimental vaccine. Rochester is just 1 of 4 clinical testing sites in the nation.

June 15, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that the FDA has pulled its emergency authorization for malaria drugs to treat the coronavirus. Today the agency cited growing evidence that hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine are not effective to treat covid-19 and could cause serious side effects. The move means shipments of the drugs obtained by the federal government will no longer be distributed to state and local health authorities for use against the coronavirus. The drugs are still available for alternate uses like treating lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.

June 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Don Alhart reports that local hospitals are getting ready to welcome back visitors. Both UR Medicine and Rochester Regional Health say after they receive additional guidance from the state health department they will jointly announce policy changes for limited visitations which will keep the risk of infection low.

June 19, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that 2 popular children's cough medicines have been recalled. The recall affects Children's Robitussin Honey Cough and Chest congestion and Children's Dimetapp Cold and Cough medicines both sold between February and the beginning of June. The wrong size dosing cups were put in the packages, which could lead to an accidental overdose.

June 22, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that New York State saw the lowest number of coronavirus deaths today since mid-March with 10. This as 22 states are seeing an increase in cases. 12 setting daily records. Meantime URMC researchers are putting a hold on clinical trials that would have looked into the effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine as a possible covid-19 treatment. The reason is due to a lack of patients who wanted to enroll. URMC is still currently running more than 50 covid-19 related clinical trials ranging from experimental drugs to vaccines.

June 23, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that taxes on sugary drinks could have a major health impact in the US. A new study found the tax would keep more people from buying the drinks which could prevent more than 2 million cases of diabetes. The study also found it could lead to lower health care costs. Researchers looked at data in cities that already tax sugary drinks.

June 25, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that as we prepare to enter Phase 4 of reopening tomorrow local hospitals are also easing some restrictions. Both Rochester Regional Health and the University of Rochester Medical Center are allowing visitors again. There are guidelines including the amount of visitors and the time allowed. Visitors will also be asked to undergo temperature checks and wear face masks. You can find the specific safety measures for each hospital on 13wham.com.

June 27, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that for the first time since the pandemic started the University of Rochester Medical Center reports it no longer has any covid-19 patients on a ventilator.

June 29, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that while New York continues to gradually reopen an executive order issued by Governor Cuomo, says anyone returning from a high-risk state will not be eligible for covid-19 paid sick leave. This applies to any resident who voluntarily traveled to a high-risk state after June 25th. This order coming on the heels of recent travel restrictions mandating anyone returning from those states, to be quarantined for 2 weeks.

GOVERNMENT

April 1, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan and Doug Emblidge report that Democrats are postponing the party's presidential convention in response to the coronavirus. The convention, originally scheduled for July, will now be held in August in Milwaukee. The convention will now take place one week before the Republican National Convention scheduled for August 24th.

April 3, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that Governor Cuomo announcing just moments ago that he will sign an executive order to allow the state to take ventilators and pps that are not being used. Cuomo said people or organizations that have their equipment taken will get their ventilator back or be reimbursed. The governor says the National Guard will be deployed to collect that equipment. This comes after the state's biggest spike in coronavirus cases and deaths within 24 hours.

April 4, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that in just the last hour President Trump announced 1,000 military medical personnel are heading to New York City to help manage the coronavirus outbreak. The president says that number could go up.

April 6, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that as the US reached a grim milestone over the weekend of the most covid-19 deaths in a day President Trump says there's more to come. The next 2 weeks are crucial in the fight to slow the spread.

April 10, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that a new plan to help airlines struggling during the outbreak is expected soon. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao are said to be working on a plan that could be released this weekend. Airlines have seen a 96% drop in people traveling by air.

April 13, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that Senator Bernie Sanders announcing today that he is endorsing Joe Biden for president. Sanders made the announcement during a campaign livestream with Biden. Sanders is asking all his supporters to back his former rival.

April 15, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 PM****:15**

Ginny Ryan reports that even though today is April 15th it is not tax day. The deadline to file federal and state income taxes is pushed back to July 15th this year because of the pandemic.

April 16, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:25**

Kris Betts reports that when it comes to New York State reopening a plan is in the works. However, Governor Cuomo says social distancing may not end until a vaccine is developed. Statewide the curve is flattening, but the governor emphasized yesterday that reopening slowly will be key in making sure we don't see another spike. Governor Cuomo is working with other governors in the northeast to develop a plan to reopen.

April 17, 2020**13 WHAM News – 6 PM****:35**

Don Alhart reports that Monroe County is offering small businesses and workers a valuable resource. Either keeping them afloat or helping them get back on their feet. Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced several local initiatives for those in need including the county's zero-interest emergency loans. So far, Bello says the county has approved about 80 loan applications and also launched a new jobs portal where local businesses can sign up and offer jobs to those looking for work. We have more information on that on 13wham.com.

April 18, 2020**13 WHAM News – 6 PM****:20**

Dan Schrack reports that the US Canada border will be closed for another 30 days. Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says only essential traffic will be allowed through. The goal is to keep people in both countries safe. President Trump previously said the US Canada border would be one of the early borders to re-open.

April 20, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:30**

Alexis Arnold reports more on our coronavirus coverage, the state is now allowing marinas and boat-yards to remain open. This is for personal use only. People must adhere to social distancing along with cleaning protocols. The state is also allowing marriage licenses to be granted. This will be done remotely and clerks can now perform virtual ceremonies.

April 21, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:30**

Alexis Arnold reports that Governor Cuomo is calling on the federal government to include unrestricted money for states in the next stimulus package. State governments are seeing massive shortfalls because of the coronavirus. The state predicts it would have to cut funding for schools by about 600 billion dollars. Some Monroe County School Board Association members fear that could mean district program cuts and layoffs. Yesterday, Governor Cuomo said there was no plan to reopen schools.

April 23, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Don Alhart reports that the US Census Bureau wants to know how the pandemic is impacting your household. In addition to the 2020 Census a separate survey will reach out to 14 million Americans gathering covid data. They want to know if you're getting enough food and how often you feel depressed or hopeless. As for the census itself, workers will now be going door to door in August instead of next month. The bureau is also creating a survey for small businesses. Both surveys will be used to help figure out how to get through this crisis.

April 24, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that Monroe County is once again extending the deadline for real property tax payments. Third and fourth installments will now be due on May 31st. A previous extension had set the deadline for the third payment on April 30th. In-person payment is currently prohibited due to the coronavirus pandemic. Payments can be made by mail and through a lockbox installed at the county office building. Payments can also be made online.

April 27, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Alexis Arnold and Michael Schwartz report that a sign of hope that New York could begin to reopen once the pause expires next month. The CDC now recommends a decline in hospitalizations for 14 days before reopening. Governor Cuomo laid out a statewide plan over the weekend. It includes reopening in phases. The governor says the CDC wants hospitalization rates stable or decreasing before re-opening is even considered. Also look at the rate of infection decreases the pace to reopen businesses increases. Phase 1 to re-open construction and manufacturing jobs. Phase 2, businesses that don't have as many people in one place giving them lower risk of potentially spreading the virus. There will then be a 2 week period to see if we should go to the next phase based on how many people are going into the hospital and how many are still contracting the virus. Everything working in unison. The last thing you want to do is open up too quick which would overwhelm the hospital system.

April 28, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports an update now on the New York State presidential primary. The Board of Elections has canceled the June 23rd primary because of coronavirus. State-level and congressional primaries will still happen.

April 29, 2020

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Doug Emblidge reports that we are nearly 2 weeks away from Governor Cuomo's target date to begin reopening some regions of the state. However, there's no guarantee the state will do that on May 15th. Yesterday Cuomo said testing, safety plans, and a continuing drop in covid cases will be factors in the decision. He also cast doubt on whether the state fair can take place this summer. The governor wants to avoid what

some are calling "attractive nuisances", a term referring to events that would bring huge crowds of people from far and near together.

April 30, 2020

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Matt Molloy reports that here in New York Governor Cuomo is continuing to prepare ahead of a possible state reopening. The governor says state testing continues to ramp up calling it the key to monitoring and controlling infection rates. Cuomo has expressed that there are problems getting contact tracing up to scale. The governor also says hospitalizations and deaths continue to decline across the state.

May 1, 2020

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Kris Betts reports that happening right now is the International Lake Ontario St. Lawrence River Board is holding a virtual meeting to discuss past, current and future water conditions. It comes as water levels are expected to be higher than average this year but lower than the levels that caused flooding last year and in 2017.

May 3, 2020

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Dan Schrack reports as the number of coronavirus fatalities continues to rise some nursing homes are taking action protecting themselves from a potential flood of lawsuits. At least 15 states have enacted laws providing nursing homes protection against claims of inadequate care. In New York a lobbying group wrote the first draft of a measure making it the only state with specific protection from civil lawsuits and criminal prosecution.

May 4, 2020

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Alexis Arnold reports that Governor Andrew Cuomo brings his daily coronavirus briefing to Rochester with no new date to re-open the first businesses. The governor spoke again of his plan to re-open the state by regions as early as May 15th. He said the Finger Lakes region meets 3 of the 4 needed criteria. Deaths and infections continue to level off yet the governor says there needs to be more progress. He said deaths and infections must be declining for 2 weeks first in the region. In the Finger Lakes region we fall short of testing enough people every day. He said businesses need to make plans now for manufacturing and construction to open in Phase 1. Finance, insurance and retail will reopen in Phase 2 followed by restaurants and hotels and finally entertainment and education. Much more on what the governor had to say today coming up on 13wham news at 5 and 6.

May 6, 2020

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Matt Molloy reports that we have learned more about the 2 standards that the Finger Lake Region is not meeting in order to reopen. That includes more covid-19 testing and more contact tracing. Health care facilities must process 1200 to 1500 tests per day which officials say can be done. However, the region needs 361 contact tracers. To put that into perspective Monroe County has fewer than 30.

May 7, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that in today's daily briefing Governor Cuomo announced some extra protections for renters. He says those struggling to pay their rent cannot be evicted by their landlords until at least August 20th. The state's previous moratorium on evictions lasted only through June. He also said landlords are prohibited from charging tenants late fees and renters will be allowed to use their security deposits as payment.

May 8, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that a controversial measure designed to hold Rochester Police accountable has now been stripped of its power. In a State Supreme Court ruling yesterday Judge John Ark took away the board's ability to conduct hearings and impose discipline saying those provisions violate the city charter. Voters approved the board to investigate allegations of police misconduct. The ruling does keep other provisions. City council will appeal.

May 11, 2020

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Matt Molloy reports that Governor Cuomo spoke within the last hour at Rochester Regional Health's Riedman Campus in Irondequoit. It comes as some businesses in some parts of the state could begin to reopen as soon as Friday. Businesses include construction, landscaping and gardening along with drive-in movie theaters. Low-risk recreational activities like tennis can also resume. Most retailers will be authorized for curbside pickup. Each region needs to meet 7 criteria in order to reopen. The Rochester Finger Lakes Region already meets all those requirements. The governor says local leaders will still need to be diligent 24-7 to make sure it's safe to remain open. Each region is required to have a "regional control room" of leaders who monitor progress constantly. The control room must also be prepared to "break the circuit" and scale back if necessary.

May 12, 2020

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Matt Molloy reports that today some of the nation's top health officials will be testifying virtually before a Senate panel. Dr. Anthony Fauci along with the CDC director and the FDA commissioner will discuss how local, state, and federal governments are helping in getting Americans back to work and school. All 3 are currently self-quarantining after being exposed to a White House staffer with coronavirus.

May 13, 2020

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Alexis Arnold reports that the house is expected to vote Friday on a 3-trillion dollar coronavirus relief package. It includes another round of checks directly to Americans as well as hazard pay for essential workers. Republicans in the senate are concerned that the bill is one-sided. They say even if it passes the house the senate will likely not take it up until after Memorial Day.

May 14, 2020

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Alexis Arnold, Kris Betts and Matt Molloy report that In less than 24 hours Phase 1 of reopening the Rochester area will begin. That includes construction, manufacturing, and curbside pick-up for retailers. Region monitors will keep track of the infection rate in the area before we enter Phase 2. More information on what each phase includes is on 13wham.com. Many are wondering when they can return to their hair dresser or barber. Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul says barbershops and salons will likely be a part of Phase 2 or 3. It's still unclear when churches will be allowed to reopen. The Rochester Catholic Diocese says it's still waiting for an answer from the state, in the meantime is working on safety protocols for when it's given the OK to open. The Episcopal Diocese says it is starting to consider limited in-person worshiping in July.

May 15, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that another critical development happening today. The house is expected to vote on another relief bill. House democrats are proposing a 3 trillion dollar package. It includes direct payments, help for state governments, and hazard pay for essential workers. It's prompted debate on Capitol Hill. Republicans arguing that the economy needs to reopen before more money is spent on relief.

May 16, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that today another effort to help families put food on the table. Foodlink hosted a food drive as part of Governor Cuomo's Nourish New York initiative. Dozens of cars lined up to collect food. Foodlink says today's effort will provide for around 400 families and support local farmers as well. Governor Cuomo recently announced that the state is providing 25 million dollars to food banks and other emergency food providers. Foodlink has seen a 41% increase in need for food from a year ago.

May 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that happening tomorrow is a big change for e-cigarette users. Flavored vape products will no longer be sold in New York State. The measure was included in the state budget and signed by the governor in April. Only tobacco flavored products will be sold. On June 1st more changes. Pharmacies will only be allowed to sell smoking cessation products.

May 19, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that a heads-up for those who still haven't received a stimulus payment. The treasury says it's going to start mailing some stimulus payments on debit cards. About 4 million people could receive those and will likely get them quicker than those awaiting paper checks.

May 20, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:20**

Matt Molloy reports that today the City of Rochester leaders will discuss more on the precautions people should take this Memorial Day weekend. The day typically filled with parades and picnics will look much different this year due to covid-19. The Monroe County Public Health Commissioner is warning the community to not use the break in the weather as an excuse to not follow social distancing guidelines. Governor Cuomo says the state will still honor veterans with ceremonies of up to 10 people, adding he hopes those ceremonies are broadcast.

May 21, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:30**

Alexis Arnold reports that new developments this morning in the debate surrounding mail-in voting. President Trump is now threatening to withhold federal funding to some states that move forward with it, that includes Michigan and Nevada. The president claims mail-in voting will result in voter fraud but cites no evidence. The president actually cast a ballot himself via mail earlier this year. Meantime his 2020 opponent former Vice President Joe Biden warned during a virtual commencement address that the president was abusing his power.

May 22, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:20**

Alexis Arnold reports that people applying for unemployment in New York State are calling the system broken. The state says user error is the reason that more than 7500 benefit claims have yet to be processed. People filing say they understand the state was overwhelmed at first but feel it's now blaming the people it's meant to help.

May 25, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 PM****:20**

Tanner Jubenville reports that President Trump is threatening to pull the Republican National Convention out of North Carolina if the governor there can't guarantee a full crowd. Meantime a series of recent polls have Joe Biden in the lead by around 5%.

May 26, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:25**

Kris Betts reports that new developments here in New York. Starting with Monroe County. There are now nearly 2700 covid-19 cases and no new deaths as of Monday. Meantime, some relief for families of covid-19 victims. Governor Cuomo says families of frontline workers who died from coronavirus will receive death benefits. The death benefits will be funded by the state.

May 27, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:15**

Kris Betts reports that the Monroe County clerks filing office will reopen in 2 weeks.

On June 8th in-person transaction will be happening in the first floor office. Some services will be appointment only while others will continue via mail. You can find more information on 13wham.com.

May 28, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that President Donald Trump is set to announce an executive order against social media companies. It comes days after Twitter marked 2 of his tweets as potentially misleading. The order by the president seeks to limit the power of large social media platforms by reinterpreting a critical 1996 law that shields websites and tech companies from lawsuits. But experts say not much could be done without an act of congress.

May 29, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that frustration has been building all week with business owners complaining about a lack of information as to when and how they can re-open. They got some answers today as the governor announced Phase 2 for reopening the Rochester region could begin immediately. Phase 2 includes office based jobs, real estate services, some retail but not malls and barber shops and hair salons. Restaurants are not part of Phase 2 although the governor was asked if an exception would be made if restaurants could offer outdoor seating.

June 1, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Matt Molloy reports that as businesses reopen more parents are dealing with child care issues. Schools and day care centers across the country are still closed, leaving some parents stuck. Some lawmakers are proposing billions in aid to the child care industry.

June 2, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that Governor Cuomo is among the lawmakers concerned about the spread of covid-19 during these nationwide protests. During his briefing yesterday he said he was worried New Yorkers had undone everything accomplished while social distancing.

June 3, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that we have learned that around 86 businesses in Rochester were damaged during this weekend's violence. The city is planning to offer grants on average of \$2,000 to businesses damaged. The owners' of Broadway Outlet say half a million dollars' worth of merchandise was stolen this weekend. Businesses impacted can apply for the benefits online there is a link to that on 13wham.com.

June 4, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that momentum is building to change a state law used to prevent the public from seeing police disciplinary records. Governor Cuomo said this week he would

support reform. There's a move by lawmakers to repeal it altogether. Democrats in the senate and assembly are expected to take this up in a video conference Monday. Moving forward the senate, where it has been defeated in the past, may have the 32 votes it needs to pass.

June 5, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that the Monroe County Legislature over-ruled a veto by County Executive Adam Bello. Earlier this week Bello had vetoed a bill that would have added 6 positions to the Monroe County Board Election. He argued it would increase taxes. The legislature overturned that veto last night.

June 7, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that Governor Cuomo announced today he's extending the deadline for school districts to receive school budget ballots. To be counted, school budget ballots can be accepted by hand delivery through 5pm on Tuesday, June 9th or received in the mail by June 16th. Cuomo also announced today he's extending the deadline to submit absentee ballots until the day of the state's primary elections June 23rd.

June 8, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that this week state lawmakers are expected to take up police reform legislation that will focus on transparency and changing policing protocols. Over the weekend many continued to call for that change and one organization is also seeking changes to the education system. Black Education United is pushing for curriculum that reflects the diversity of the nation not just during black history and Hispanic heritage months. The organization is encouraging educators across the community to get involved.

June 9, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that in New York State police will now be required to wear body cameras. The state legislature approving that measure yesterday which now goes to the governor's desk. It's 1 of 10 police reforms expected to be approved in New York this week.

June 10, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that the government is seeking a record 225 million dollars in fines from health insurance telemarketers. They are accused of making a billion robocalls in violation of FCC rules. The case centers around a company accused of scamming people in at least 8 states.

June 11, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that major changes are already underway for law enforcement in New York State. Rochester Police Chief La'ron Singletary says he is in favor of some of

the reform ideas including the repeal of 50-A, which hides police disciplinary records from the public. But says some of what activists are calling for including defunding police departments should be reconsidered. He says he needs to know more about what defunding would look like adding that police will always be needed.

June 12, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris reports that tomorrow voters can start casting their ballots for the primary election. Early voting will be taking place at any of the 12 locations, regardless of district. We have more information on 13wham.com

June 13, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that Governor Cuomo is urging local governments to get to work. After weeks of protest calling for police reforms he signed an executive order mandating changes be made. Municipalities have until April 1st to submit their changes or risk losing state funding. Earlier this week the state legislature passed reforms on the state level including a ban on chokeholds and requiring state police be equipped with body cams.

June 14, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that members of the transgender community call a recent move by the White House unacceptable. On Friday President Trump rolled back transgender protections included in the Affordable Care Act. They prohibited sex discrimination on the basis of gender identity in federally funded health programs and activities. Paige Snyder from Clyde has been living as a woman for more than 20 years and given the current climate thinks the move is only adding fuel to the fire. A ruling on whether LGBTQ workers are covered by anti-discrimination laws is expected to come from the Supreme Court this summer.

June 15, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that another breaking news story we are tracking this midday. A victory for LGBTQ rights. The Supreme Court has ruled that a landmark civil rights law protects LGBTQ people from workplace discrimination. The conservative court voted 6 to 3 that a key provision of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 known as Title VII that bars job discrimination because of sex, among other reasons, encompasses bias against LGBTQ workers.

June 16, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that New York is now allowing gatherings of up to 25 people for regions that have entered the state's third phase of re-opening. Governor Cuomo announcing this change pointing to the state's new low coronavirus infection rate. Cuomo is also threatening to reinstate closings if local governments aren't enforcing safety guidelines.

June 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM**:15**

Alexis Arnold reports that some DMV offices in Monroe County are getting ready to reopen tomorrow with limited services. The branches in Henrietta, Irondequoit, Rochester, and Geneseo will open Thursday. The Greece location will remain closed. In-person transactions are by appointment only.

June 18, 2020**13 WHAM News – 12 PM****:15**

Kris Betts reports that a new Facebook campaign is aimed at making it easier for people to vote. The social media giant is creating a voting information center where users will have access to voter registration information, how and when they can vote.

June 19, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:20**

Kris Betts reports that Senator Amy Klobuchar has taken herself off the list of potential running mates for Joe Biden. Klobuchar said Biden should choose a woman of color as his vice president saying now is the right time to do that. Some potential running mates are Senator Kamala Harris and Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms.

June 20, 2020**13 WHAM News – 11 PM****:25**

Da Schrack reports that Geoffrey Berman says he will leave his post as the US Attorney for the Southern District of New York "effective immediately." His announcement coming only hours after President Trump distanced himself from the firing of Berman. This contradicted a letter sent earlier in the day by Attorney General William Barr who said Trump removed Berman after Barr requested it. However Berman said he learned from a press release that he was "stepping down." Audrey Strauss will become the acting US Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

June 22, 2020**13 WHAM News – 6 AM****:25**

Doug Emblidge reports that tomorrow is primary day in New York. Early voting polls are now closed. There will be up to 3 ballots for voters to fill out. That includes the democratic party presidential primary, the state and local primary, as well as a 3rd ballot for voters living in the 27th congressional district who will decide on a candidate to fill the vacancy left by former representative Chris Collins. We will have all your election night coverage here on 13wham as well as on 13wham.com.

June 23, 2020**13 WHAM News – 6 PM****:15**

Don Alhart reports that Bob Duffy is confirming Phase 4 re-openings will begin but won't include malls, gyms and movie theaters at first. Phase 4 is expected to begin Friday. Museums and indoor art galleries can open at reduced capacity. Malls, gyms and casinos will open later in Phase 4 but no date has been set. Churches will also be able to expand operations at a later date.

June 24, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:25**

Alexis Arnold reports that hospitals now have until January to make prices public.

A judge approved the move yesterday. It includes publicizing private price negotiations with insurers and the cash among hospitals will accept for some services like x-rays, outpatient visits and lab tests. This follows an executive order issued by the president last year to create more transparency within hospital systems and possibly cut health care costs.

June 25, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that a victory for people opposed to a lettuce farm proposal in Webster. The zoning board sided with opponents rejecting the proposal on 140 acres on State Road. Neighbors said they feared the farm would bring too much noise and traffic to the area. Residents had sued over the project.

June 26, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that now to some developments in this week's primary election debacle. There are now calls for the election commissioners to resign. Commissioners say changes to election laws, inexperienced staff, and safety changes related to covid19 created the issues. Some voters were given an incorrect ballot on Tuesday in the race for the 56th seat in the state senate. The commissioners apologized for the errors which have been blamed on lack of training for poll workers. Commissioners told us they are confident workers will accurately tally up absentee ballots.

June 27, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that a lot is happening in the covid-19 crisis tonight. An executive order issued by Governor Cuomo, says anyone returning from high-risk states will not be eligible for covid-19 paid sick leave, should they become sick. This comes on the heels of recent travel restrictions mandating anyone returning from those states, quarantine for 2 weeks.

June 29, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that new developments today in a city-county partnership to overcome systemic racism and institutional inequities. Co-chairs of the Rochester and Monroe County Commission on Racial and Structural Equality are aiming for the commission's first meeting to be held in August. The 21 member group will address topics like education and healthcare, business development and job creation. The commission's first official report on findings for the community is expected in January.

June 30, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that the tax deadline will not be extended again. The IRS is keeping the July 15th deadline for filing and paying 2019 taxes. For people who can't meet the deadline they can file for an extension of October 15th on the IRS website.

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April 1, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that oil producers are worried the world may be running out of places to store the ever-growing supply. According to Goldman Sachs storage facilities, refineries, ships and pipelines could eventually reach capacity.

April 3, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that a new lifeline for small businesses is about to launch. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin says a paycheck protection program for small business owners should be up and running by today. The program would allow businesses to bring back workers and pay them. The loans can be forgiven if borrowers keep paying their employees.

April 6, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that an update this morning on when you may see that check from the federal government. The money is meant to provide some relief to Americans during these difficult times. The first checks are expected to show up in direct deposit accounts within 2 weeks. That won't apply to everyone. Americans who have not signed up for IRS direct deposit still have to wait for a check in the mail. That could take several months.

April 7, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that some auto insurance companies are giving money back to customers because people are driving less during the pandemic. Allstate says it will refund about 15% of premiums for April and May. American Family Insurance says it's giving back about \$50 per car. Both companies say they're expanding coverage for customers who use their own vehicles to deliver food and medicine.

April 10, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that now to that stimulus check many Americans are waiting to see. The labor secretary says it may take people in some states longer than others to get that money from the federal government. College students will also be getting some help, the Department of Education is releasing 6 billion dollars in emergency grants to help students with their debt.

April 12, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that the IRS has a new website to make sure those waiting for their stimulus checks get them as soon as possible. The Treasury Department says the first round will be directly deposited into bank accounts next week. The new site is for people who haven't filed taxes within the last 2 years so the IRS knows where to send the money. We've got a link on 13wham.com

April 13, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is introducing new legislation offering relief to small farmers impacted by the state's shutdown. The relief act would support farmers suffering from reduced operations. The bill will address nearly 3-billion dollars in loans held by USDA Farm Services Agency. Senator Gillibrand's announcement is scheduled for 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.

April 14, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that Amazon is hiring 75,000 more workers to keep up with demand during the pandemic. The company is racing to bring on additional workers to meet surging demand from customers shopping for household essentials. Amazon says it is increasing its hourly wages by \$2 an hour. Despite the pay increase, Amazon workers from at least 3 facilities have staged protests to call for the company to better protect its workers amid the outbreak.

April 15, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that gasoline prices have already dropped dramatically with most of the world shut down. It's predicted \$1.00 per gallon prices may soon be coming. Right now the national average is \$1.84. Monroe County's average is \$2.19 although there are several local gas stations selling for under \$2.

April 16, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Kris Betts reports that many Americans have started to see that relief money from the federal government in their banks accounts. New reports show the economic damage is worsening. Last month the manufacturing industry saw its largest drop since the end of World War 2 and retail sales plummeted more than 8%.

April 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that another 5 million American workers filed for unemployment benefits last week. This brings the total number of unemployment claims in the last 4 weeks to 22 million. It's the largest and most dramatic rise in claims on record since the Department of Labor began tracking in 1967. The gains made since the 2008 crisis are essentially wiped out.

April 20, 2020

13 WHAM News – 11 PM

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Don Alhart reports that Governor Cuomo will meet with President Trump tomorrow and announcing today that the state is grappling with a near \$15-billion-dollar budget deficit and will need help from the federal government. Cuomo says without help from Washington he will have to make 20% cuts to schools, hospitals and local governments.

April 21, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that across the country small businesses are waiting for federal relief and it could be approved as soon as today. This comes as states prepare to slowly reopen. Georgia says by Friday small businesses like salons and gyms will begin to reopen. As for small business help democrats are calling for the stimulus bill to also include a national strategy for testing.

April 23, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Matt Molloy reports that small businesses could be one step closer to getting more aid from the federal government. Today the house is expected to pass a \$480 billion relief package. It will deliver funds for small businesses, hospitals and testing. The president is expected to sign by tomorrow. This comes as millions of Americans continue to deal with the country's plummeting economy. Including the 4.4 million Americans that filed for unemployment last week. Roughly 26 million people have now filed for jobless aid in the 5 weeks since the coronavirus outbreak began.

April 24, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that JC Penney may be on the verge of bankruptcy. With stores across the country closed by the coronavirus pandemic, the Wall Street Journal now says the retailer is in advanced talks for bankruptcy funding. A loan package could be as much as a billion dollars. A bankruptcy filing could come within the next few weeks.

April 25, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that New York State's finances are getting worse by the hour a direct result of the covid-19 pandemic. The Division of the Budget announcing today a more than 13-billion dollar shortfall for the 20-21 fiscal year. Estimating that number balloons to 61-billion by 2020. A reduced spending plan will cut more than 8-billion dollars in "aid-to-localities." Money that funds a broad category including health care, local governments and "K through 12" schools. Governors across the country are calling for federal funding lessening the financial impact on individual states.

April 26, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that gas prices continue to drop as a direct result of the coronavirus pandemic. According to a report from the Energy Information Administration since last Monday the national average for a gallon of gas has decreased by 2 cents. The national average is a dollar lower compared to last year and people at the pump are noticing the change .

April 28, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Kris Betts report that a statewide initiative will help food banks that are overwhelmed right now. The state is giving them 25 million dollars and asking for donations. The second part of the initiative is aimed at helping upstate farmers. It's called "Nourish New York" and will purchase products directly from farmers and give that food to food banks.

April 29, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that one of the world's largest carmakers reported a sharp fall in profits for the first 3 months of the year. Volkswagen says that first-quarter operating profit fell to 978 million dollars compared to 3.3 billion a year ago.

April 30, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that St. John Fisher is the latest organization to announce furloughs. The school will furlough about 15% of full time employees and some part time staff. Those workers will still get medical benefits. College President Gerard Rooney says they hope to bring back all impacted workers by August 1st.

May 3, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that new numbers from DC show 2.2 million small business loans worth 175 billion dollars have been handed out in the 2nd round of the Paycheck Protection Program. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin says the average size of a loan was \$79,000 dollars. The Trump Administration says since the launch of the PPP, 3.8 million loans have been made.

May 4, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that Wegmans is now limiting the amount of certain meat products that customers can buy. Shoppers can only buy 2 family pack 80% ground beef and 2 family pack boneless skinless chicken breast. Right now there is concern about the country's meat supply.

May 5, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that a new program in New York is now underway to guide people as they look to collect benefits. The program is pandemic unemployment and many who do not qualify for traditional unemployment have applied. However, some didn't know they had to re-certify every week. One woman tell us that she has made multiple calls that all went unanswered. The state says it will start e-mailing out reminders to re-certify to help

make sure everyone receives their benefits. We have more information on 13wham.com.

May 6, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that 13wham cameras got to go inside Eastview Mall yesterday and that's something shoppers and employees haven't done since mid-March. The mall is like a time warp still decorated for St. Patrick's Day. While inside, we talked to the mall's general manager, who is closely paying attention to plans to reopen New York. He and other supervisors have submitted a plan to the governor's office. Retail centers would be part of phase 2 of the governor's plan, meaning the earliest they could reopen is the beginning of June.

May 7, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that there is concerns over the food supply becoming more noticeable in supermarkets across the country. The meat shortage is driving prices up. Experts are predicting a cost surge on meat products over the next few weeks. Demand is high as processing plants close due to cases of covid-19.

May 8, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that the current state of the economy is making it difficult for college graduates to find a job. One soon to be RIT graduate says before covid-19 he was in the final round of interviewing but because of hiring freezes the position he was going for was no longer needed. RIT's Career Services Department says it is finding more ways to connect its graduates with employers.

May 12, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that an update on RTS fares this morning. The company will continue to waive fares through June 7th. RTS is reminding riders to follow social distancing and only taking necessary trips.

May 13, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that April has seen a spike in grocery prices. Overall consumers have paid 2.6% more for groceries, the largest one-month jump since the 1970's. To save money experts advise buying items like fruits and vegetables off-season, along with canned goods and trying local farmers. Prices of consumer goods also taking a hit in April. It's being driven primarily by falling prices for gasoline and services like air travel. The Consumer Price Index fell by .8% the most since the great recession.

May 14, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that the coronavirus has prompted prices at grocery stores to go up.

From March to April the cost of foods like bread, dairy and meat rose between 2 and 5%. Experts believe it's due to food plants being shut down because of covid-19 adding that with more people cooking at home the demand for groceries went up. Experts believe the deciding factor on when prices will go down will ultimately have to do with containing coronavirus.

May 15, 2020

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Kris Betts reports that in a few hours Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren is expected to unveil the proposed 2020 and 2021 city budget. It comes as more than 400 city employees are being impacted by furloughs, job-shares and cuts caused by the financial consequences of the coronavirus pandemic.

May 16, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that Kodak took a hit reporting a 111-million dollar loss in the 1st quarter. Revenue was down by about 24-million year over last year. Commercial and packaging printing did post a revenue. The company says it will continue to pursue cost-reduction efforts and is hoping for a strong rebound in the aftermath of covid-19.

May 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that while unemployment claims continue to rise across the country the governor's office says the state has caught up on a lengthy backlog. There are some exceptions with his office saying claims that are older than 3 weeks that are suspected fraud, not certified, or contain only partial information. The State Department of Labor is expected to have an update on claims this week. More than 36-million Americans have filed for unemployment in the past 8 weeks.

May 18, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that today thousands of autoworkers in Detroit will head back to work. They will return to work in phases. Many auto-plants have installed plastic barriers at work stations. Other safety precautions like temperature checks will also be implemented.

May 19, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that college may be more affordable for incoming students. Federal student loans now have the lowest interest rate in history. Undergraduates with a Federal Direct Stafford loan can expect a 2.75% interest rate. While graduate students can expect a 4.3% interest rate.

May 20, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that in less than an hour we expect to learn more about Kodak's future during its annual shareholder meeting. The company reported a 111 million dollar net lost in its first quarter for 2020 prior to the covid pandemic. Kodak has said it will

continue to pursue cost-reduction efforts to preserve cash and position Kodak for a strong rebound in the aftermath of covid-19.

May 21, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that Target saw its sales in the most recent quarter jump as Americans stocked up for lockdowns. The company says sales for the quarter ending May 1st were up nearly 11% driven almost entirely by online shopping.

May 22, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports say goodbye to grand slams in the Rochester area. Denny's is closing its locations in Canandaigua, Geneseo, Geneva, Greece, and Henrietta. A noticed filed last week says 187 employees are being impacted.

May 23, 2020

13 WHAM News – 11 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that some furloughed YMCA employees won't be going back when the organization reopens. Warning notices were sent to some employees this week. Right now we're still trying to find out how many employees will be impacted. The YMCA of Greater Rochester closed its doors on March 15th as part of the state's pause order.

May 26, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that the way we spend money is changing during the coronavirus shutdown. A survey by TD Ameritrade found Americans are saving on things like child care and skipping vacations. But the survey shows Americans are spending more on groceries, takeout and streaming services. Younger people aren't getting a chance to make any spending money at all. Federal data shows the unemployment rate for 16 to 19-year-olds hit 32% percent, the highest since 1948, with many jobs for teens drying up during the shutdown.

May 27, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that as the Rochester region continues to see progress in Phase 1 of reopening the area could begin Phase 2 as early as Friday. That's when barbershops and salons anticipate opening. We spoke to Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul this morning on Good Day Rochester. She says reopening depends on the numbers. And while there's been a spike in hospitalizations there are positive variables such as the number of contact tracers and tests available. Hochul says if all goes well Phase 2 businesses will be notified Thursday. People can follow the numbers at forward.NewYork.gov.

May 28, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM**:15**

Matt Molloy reports that dozen of employees at community based health center Trillium Health will be losing their jobs. The announcement came last night. The organization cites covid-19's impact on the economy.

May 29, 2020**13 WHAM News – 12 PM****:15**

Kris Betts reports that UPS now says, on Sunday, it will start adding so-called peak surcharges for big merchants sending out more and more packages during the pandemic. Those charges typically only show up around the holidays, but UPS is expecting a summer flood of shipments.

May 30, 2020**13 WHAM News – 6 PM****:20**

Dan Schrack reports that JC Penny says it's reopening 150 stores just 2 weeks after declaring bankruptcy. The clothing retailer shut down brick-and-mortar locations due to covid-19. It's starting to reopen them in stages. JC Penny says it plans to have about 500 stores open again by Wednesday.

June 1, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:15**

Matt Molloy reports that meat prices continue to rise. They're up 21% for beef and 18% for pork compared to this time last year. Even with meat processing facilities reopening the agriculture department says production is still down.

June 2, 2020**13 WHAM News – 12 PM****:15**

Alexis Arnold reports that Southwest Airlines is looking at new ways to trim its workforce without layoffs. The company is reportedly offering buyouts and temporary paid leave. The company blames low demand during the coronavirus pandemic. Company leaders fear flying capacity will be down 30% this fall.

June 3, 2020**13 WHAM News – 12 PM****:15**

Alexis Arnold reports that US businesses cut more than 2.5 million jobs in May. The total is at more than 22 million since the coronavirus pandemic hit in March. It comes as demand is down for gas, clothing, travel, restaurants and much more.

June 4, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:15**

Alexis Arnold reports that you once again pay cash on the New York State Thruway. Overnight cash tolls resumed after being suspended in late March due to the coronavirus pandemic. If you've traveled on the thruway since, you can expect a one-time bill sent to your home.

June 5, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:10**

Matt Molloy reports that as the financial toll covid-19 is taking continues to worsen. Unemployment remains at an all-time high. The University of Rochester also announcing it will continue to cut-costs. Starting at the beginning of next month it will temporarily reduce salaries for some employees.

June 8, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that one industry is growing business as all 50 states continue with reopening. Tent suppliers say they're inundated with calls from businesses hoping to use tents to expand outdoor sales in hopes of luring customers.

June 10, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that The Federal Reserve will wrap up its latest meeting today. It's expected to keep interest rates near zero as it looks ahead to try and help usher along a recovery from the coronavirus shutdowns. The fed has already offered trillions in support to financial markets and has worked with the treasury on loans to small and medium sized businesses.

June 11, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that Starbucks says it will close about 400 stores. It's also speeding up expansion of its Starbucks pickup locations, which include drive-thrus and walk-up windows.

June 12, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that The Burgundy Basin in Perinton says it is permanently closing its doors amid the pandemic. The longtime party venue posted on Facebook that the current crisis has made it impossible to continue business. The business says letters with full deposit refunds will be sent to customers. The Burgundy Basin has been family-owned and operated for nearly 60 years.

June 15, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that with more people back out on the roads gas prices are ticking up. The national average is now \$2.10 up 7 cents in the last week but still down 70 cents from this time last year. The local average remains \$2.20 per gallon.

June 16, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that new numbers out today are expected to show that more Americans went shopping last month. Economists believe retail sales for May will be up 8%. That would be the biggest single-month jump on record but it's still only about a quarter of what was lost in March and April.

June 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM**:20**

Matt Molloy reports that now to the recent surge in retail sales across the country. The nation saw a more than 17% increase in May, the largest one month jump ever. Some stores in the Rochester area have been open for a few days now. Shoppers say returning was a relief. However, retail experts say clothing and furniture stores may not completely bounce back for another 2 to 3 months.

June 18, 2020**13 WHAM News – 12 PM****:20**

Kris Betts reports that next month Target will increase its minimum wage. Starting July 5th minimum wage will go up from \$13 to \$15 dollars an hour. The raise will impact 275,000 employees at stores, distribution centers and headquarters. The company originally planned for the pay to increase by December 2020 now meeting the goal a few months early.

June 19, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:20**

Alexis Arnold reports that coronavirus has triggered a currency shortage. Specifically quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. Experts say with businesses being closed the flow of change has gone down. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell says it's a temporary issue and officials have been coordinating with the Department of Treasury to fix the problem.

June 20, 2020**13 WHAM News – 6 PM****:20**

Dan Schrack reports that Carnival Cruise is taking a big hit during the coronavirus pandemic. The company suffered a 4.4 billion loss for the second quarter. The bad news from carnival comes one day after Norwegian said it was canceling cruises it had planned for later this summer and was extending suspensions through September.

June 23, 2020**13 WHAM News – 12 PM****:15**

Kris Betts reports mixed news for home buyers. The number of new home sales surged in May up more than 16% from April. Sales of existing homes fell by nearly 10% but realtors are hopeful that trend will end this month.

June 24, 2020**13 WHAM News – 12 PM****:25**

Alexis Arnold reports that the coronavirus pandemic is forcing some Americans to put up "for rent" signs. More people are working from home and more people are shopping online. This could lead to businesses abandoning offices and storefronts, bringing an end to the boom in the nation's commercial real estate market. Commercial landlords reported an increase in missed rent payments and they expect vacancies to rise through the end of the year.

June 25, 2020**13 WHAM News – 12 PM****:25**

Kris Betts reports that for the first time in more than a decade the amount of summer travel is expected to decline. Triple A says this is because of covid-19. For the first time in more than a decade the amount of summer travel is expected to decline.

June 26, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that a new report shows consumer spending in the US jumped 8.2% in May this a partial rebound from the record drop of 12.6% in April. Experts credit this increase to businesses reopening and lost jobs being restored.

June 27, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that some changes to curbside pickup at Target. Milk, bread, eggs, and ice cream will now be available for same-day service. The retailer is expanding its pick up and curbside services to include fresh and frozen grocery items. Target says the enhanced services will be in more than 400 stores by the end of the month.

June 29, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that RTS is now offering free transportation for veterans. RTS announced this morning that veterans can ride for free on the fixed-route service in Monroe County starting July 15th. The free fare for veterans results from public hearings for the "reimagine RTS" project. The rest of the "reimagine RTS" project is on hold for now due to the pandemic.

June 30, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that Remdesivir is the first anti-viral medication to have an impact on covid-19. Now we know how much it will cost. The drug's maker Gilead Sciences says the treatment will cost \$520 per dose for private insurance companies which adds up to more than \$3,000 per patient for a 5-day treatment. While there is currently no FDA approved products to treat or prevent covid-19, Remdesivir is the first medication to show effectiveness in human clinical trials.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety continues to be at the top of Americans' minds with a constant undercurrent of fear regarding the possibility of another terrorist attack. This international perspective on public safety comes in addition to local perspectives on public safety created by drugs, criminal activity, and environmental health concerns.

April 1, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that a warning this morning to be aware of scammers looking to take advantage of the financial burden caused by the covid-19 pandemic. This as millions are expecting stimulus checks soon. Like so many in New York State and across the country a Medina resident, Jason Phillips was recently let go from his job. He's counting on the stimulus check to help with bills. He received a suspicious phone call with an Albany area code claiming to be someone from Governor Andrew Cuomo's office trying to give him the check. A Better Business Bureau spokesperson says the government will never call or text you for your information. The real stimulus check will be given to you the same way you file your taxes, direct deposit. And if you're still unsure go straight to the source.

April 3, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that Wegmans is making changes to protect its employees and customers. Employees are now allowed to wear masks. Wegmans says it will not be providing masks saying with a limited supply, they should be reserved for healthcare workers. There is also no plan in place to check employee temperatures.

April 5, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that as people limit contact with others and stay home as much as possible in the face of the coronavirus some are also being extra diligent about disinfecting and cleaning around the house. The products you use matter and mixing different cleaners can be dangerous. Joel Craddock, president of Doc's Facilities Consulting says consumers need to read the labels on their common household products and always follow the instructions. Craddock says when you're using cleaning products it's not the time to play chemist.

April 6, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that local company is playing a big role in covid-19 testing. Ortho Clinical Diagnostics today launched a new test that detects antibodies and can be used to identify immune response. The company said it is working to make the antibody test kit available to the areas with the greatest need first. The test was developed in Ortho's Center for Research and Development in Rochester.

April 7, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that Governor Cuomo is warning New Yorkers to remain vigilant even though the state may be flattening the curve. He says the rate of new covid-19 cases appears to be plateauing. Social distancing is being credited for the good news. However, the governor wants to ensure the state stays on a downward trend. The PAUSE has been extended through April 29th.

April 10, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that Xerox has teamed up with Hickey-Freeman to help healthcare professionals. The 2 companies are designing 10,000 medical-grade face masks that they donated to Rochester Regional Health. They're made from repurposed printer filters and cotton textiles. Xerox says these won't be N-95 masks but the companies say they will still give those on the front lines more protection than standard masks. Earlier this week Xerox announced its working with Vortran Medical Technology to mass produce ventilators.

April 11, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that Lego is using its resources to make protective gear for health care workers as well. The Denmark-based toy maker says it converted some molding machines to be able to produce 13,000 face visors a day. Lego has also donated 50-million dollars toward covid-19 relief efforts.

April 13, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that the FDA has now approved a new system for healthcare workers will use to sanitize crucial protective equipment. This includes N-95 respirators. More than 6,000 hospitals already have the decontamination system in place. This is the 3rd emergency authorization the FDA has made this year.

April 15, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that You may have seen it on Facebook where friends and family are sharing their old senior photos from high school to show support for this year's graduating class. Tonight a warning, from the Better Business Bureau. The organization says scammers or hackers who search through social media could see those posts and would then see the name of your high school and graduation year,

common online security questions. The BBB says to be cautious of what you're sharing online and to make sure your privacy settings are high.

April 16, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that tomorrow night everyone who cannot maintain social distancing in public will be required to wear a mask. After getting some pushback Governor Cuomo defended this executive order saying the actions of New Yorkers will determine the rate of the virus' spread.

April 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that the FDA has approved new swabs that would allow for safer at-home coronavirus testing. The Q-tip style swab is shorter than the ones used by health care workers to collect samples to test people for covid-19. The swabs currently used are long which makes the process uncomfortable and can make people sneeze potentially infectious particles. The FDA says these new swabs would limit exposure of health care workers.

April 19, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that the Regional Transit Service says it's not going to enforce the state's new masking mandate. In a statement to 13wham, RTS says after talking to law enforcement the service decided not to prevent customers from riding the bus without a face covering. However, they will educate riders about the importance of universal masking.

April 20, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that pediatricians are releasing new guidelines today after midwives are reporting an increase in home births because of the pandemic. Many expectant mothers are concerned about coming in contact with sick people inside a hospital. So the American Academy of Pediatrics released new guidelines for planned home births. The guidelines say pregnant women are considered eligible for home births if they have no pre-existing disease. Pediatricians also recommend that the best home birth candidates are carrying only 1 fetus and are at least 37 weeks pregnant. But there can be increased risks for the baby. If there's an emergency, response times can be longer because of the pandemic.

April 21, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Jayne Chacko reports that Strong doctors say the hospital is partnering with other institutions in a large clinical trial of experimental drugs before treating patients. Doctors say there isn't enough data to prove the benefit of experimental drugs outweighs the risk of the treatment. Depending on the patient's immune system, doctors say these drugs could have different effects. Dr. Justin Hopkin at Strong says more testing needs to be done before treating a patient.

April 22, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports a warning from Dr. Mendoza that every time a new public area is reopened a new set of challenges will come with it. He hopes to have a plan for reopening by May 15th but that does not necessarily mean we will reopen then. Dr. Mendoza warns opening schools or businesses could undo progress. Dr. Mendoza also highlighted new details on some of the most vulnerable to covid-19. He says elderly patients typically do not have a fever which could result in their conditions worsening unexpectedly. More than 300 people who have been diagnosed with covid-19 in more county are 70 or older.

April 23, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Matt Molloy reports that the Red Cross will soon offer antibody tests for people who suspect they were previously infected with the coronavirus and are interested in donating plasma. Right now anyone who wishes to donate must have documentation of a positive covid-19 test. Doctors are hopeful blood plasma donations could help those severely sickened by the virus. The antibody testing from the Red Cross will be available starting next week.

April 24, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that as we adapt to the state's new masking policy knowing where to properly dispose of them is important. Monroe County Environmental Services says people should put masks in a bag before throwing the mask away. With businesses closed the county says trash collection has decreased about 20% since last month.

April 25, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that the Trump Administration is calling out China accusing the country it's trying to hack multiple US agencies to steal coronavirus research. Security officials say there's been a wave of cyberattacks targeting the Department of Health, hospitals and labs. Justice department officials say there is nothing more valuable right now than biomedical research related to vaccine treatments for covid-19.

April 27, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that meantime the CDC says there are new symptoms people should look for. New symptoms include: chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell. Previous symptoms include fever, cough and difficulty breathing.

April 28, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that Jet Blue is the first major US airline requiring all passengers to wear face coverings during flights. The new policy takes effect Monday. Meanwhile, American Airlines says all flight attendants will wear masks starting Friday. Personal protective equipment will be available for passengers. Both airlines are taking extra cleaning measures as well.

April 29, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that clinical trials will soon be underway in Rochester to develop a covid-19 vaccine. Rochester Clinical Research is looking for people between the ages of 19 and 85 to volunteer. For the past 25 years the research team there has been testing vaccines for a number of different virus like Ebola.

April 30, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that new recommendations on how to best protect new mothers from the coronavirus have been signed into law by Governor Cuomo. The recommendations from the covid-19 maternity task force include diversifying birthing site options, extending the period of time a healthy support person can be with a mother post-delivery and mandatory testing for all pregnant New Yorkers.

May 1, 2020

13 WHAM News – 11 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that the is pandemic changing the face of air travel. Just days after Jet Blue announced it is requiring passengers to wear masks American, Delta, and Frontier have now followed suit.

May 3, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that Uber is going to require riders and passengers to wear a mask. The requirement is expected to be rolled-out in the coming weeks. Uber says it's also in the process of developing technology to hold drivers and riders accountable. Uber is trying to get masks for drivers as soon as possible

May 4, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports the coronavirus pandemic has prompted a hotel advisory group to release new guidelines for hotel cleaning and safety standards. The "Safe Stay Initiative" from the American Hotel and Lodging Association focuses on employee and guest health, employee responsibilities, and cleaning and physical distancing. The group recommends frequent cleaning and disinfecting of public spaces including button panels in elevators, limiting buffet service, providing sneeze screens, and "no-contact" room service.

May 5, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that Rochester was one of 4 sites chosen in the United States to take part in this new clinical trial. Researchers from URMC and Rochester Regional Health are collaborating on the trial in partnership with Pfizer and Bio-N-Tech. URMC will recruit patients and conduct the clinical trials while actual testing will be done at RGH. The 2 hospital systems are now looking for 90 volunteers to participate in the study. Doctors from both hospitals will be discussing more about this study this

afternoon at 1:30 and we'll have complete coverage coming up on 13wham news at 5 and 6.

May 6, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that General Motors intends to reopen its US and Canadian plants on May 18th. GM said it is working with the unions and government health officials on safety measures that will be needed to reopen its plants later this month and operate them safely.

May 7, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that the May 15th expiration date on the statewide pause is approaching. As the Finger Lakes Region looks to possibly reopen Monroe County is expanding its efforts to keep the community safe. On Saturday the county will be giving millions of masks to towns, villages, and the City of Rochester. County leaders warn that while the community has flattened the curve masking will become a crucial part of reopening the area. The goal is to increase access to face covering for everyone. More information about where and when the masks are being distributed can be found on 13wham.com.

May 8, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that starting next week the City of Rochester will begin mailing out protective masks to its residents. 5 masks will be sent to each of the 96,000 homes. The mailings will also include information for residents on how to fill out the census. A reminder tomorrow there will be masks available at 20 locations in towns & villages across Monroe County. Head to 13wham.com, click on the mask distribution story and you'll find the full list of sites where you can pick up a mask between 10 am and 2pm.

May 9, 2020

13 WHAM News – 11 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that a warning from the Better Business Bureau. The organization says scammers are using social media offering counterfeit coupons for companies like Costco, Starbucks, and Trader Joe's. The BBB says if the coupon doesn't have an expiration date chances are it's not real.

May 11, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Matt Molloy reports that starting today Amtrak is requiring all passengers to wear face masks. Employees who work with customers are also required to wear masks. Passengers must bring their own masks. They can be taken off when passengers are sitting alone or with a travel partner, and when they're eating or in private rooms.

May 12, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that testing is expanding in Rochester. Trillium Health's Clinic on Monroe Avenue will now have walk-in testing for people 16 and older. Appointments are preferred but anyone experiencing symptoms or who came in contact with someone who tested positive can be tested. Essential workers also qualify. They are asked to go to the white tent outside the building. More information is on 13wham.com.

May 13, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that new research offers a different perspective as to why social distancing is crucial and where it falls short. Researchers at Cornell and the University of Rochester found that prior to social distancing the number of coronavirus cases doubled every 3 days. With social distancing infections doubled every 100 days but then leveled off. Researchers did not take into account the new masking measures or increased testing.

May 14, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Doug Emblidge reports that having even 1 sugary drink could put you at risk for cardiovascular disease. In a study researchers found that drinking 1 or more servings of a sugary drink per day was associated with a nearly 20% greater likelihood of having cardiovascular disease. That's compared to those who either didn't drink or rarely drank sugary drinks. Breaking it down those who drank flavored fruity drinks with sugar on a daily basis had a 42% increase. Frequent soda drinkers had a 23% greater likelihood.

May 15, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that the FDA is now warning that the same covid-19 test used to screen people before interacting with the president may give false negative results. Researchers found it misses cases of the virus. The company that makes the test disputes the claim. Meantime, while the FDA looks into the discrepancy it says the test can still be used.

May 16, 2020

13 WHAM News – 11 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that researchers in London are starting a trial study to see if dogs can detect the covid-19 in humans. A group of dogs called 'the super six' will be trained to detect coronavirus using odor samples. Dogs have been successful in detecting malaria, cancer and Parkinson's disease. Researchers hope the dogs will be able to detect covid-19 even before symptoms appear.

May 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that the fate of summer camps hangs in the balance. State health officials say they have been coming up with guidelines however they say there is still a

major concern. It has to do with the rare covid-related inflammatory disease affecting children. There are now around 120 cases in New York State. The health department says it will continue evaluating the situation.

May 18, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that a traffic alert this morning for drivers in the Lyell Avenue area, Construction starting today will impact traffic on Lyell Avenue between Lake Avenue and Mt. Read Boulevard. Detours will be posted but construction will limit parking, and access to driveways and walkways throughout the day.

May 19, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that carbon emissions have dropped during the pandemic. According to the Nature Climate Change Journal CO2 emissions decreased 17% by early April of this year. It's estimated that by the end of 2020 pollution levels will be between 4% and 7% lower than the 2019 levels. That's the biggest annual drop in carbon emissions since World War 2.

May 20, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that Johnson and Johnson will no longer sell talcum-based baby powder. The company cited a drop in sales after thousands of claims that the product led to cancer. The company will now only sell cornstarch-based powder.

May 21, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that the coronavirus pandemic is causing a new safety concern on the road. New data from the Governors Highway Safety Association shows that drivers in multiple states including New York are driving more than 100 miles per hour in some cases. It also found that covid-19 has brought fewer crashes but those crashes are more serious. Extra speed patrols will be on the highways this holiday weekend.

May 22, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that as we head into the holiday weekend every state is now taking steps to relax restrictions. The CDC director is now warning that the virus could flare up in the fall. He says the southern hemisphere's cooling temperatures and spike in cases indicate another round of covid cases could be on the horizon. Still President Trump says he won't shut down the country again if another outbreak occurs. This as more states are opening even further. Starting today, most of Indiana allowing gatherings of up to 100 people. Alaska is skipping straight to Phase 4 and will be mostly open.

May 27, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that a decision has been made about the Greater Rochester Soap Box Derby for this year. Organizers of the event announced yesterday that Saturday's event has been called off this season due to the pandemic. The annual competition is held on Lakeshore Boulevard in Durand Eastman Park. Rochester Rotary's Sunshine Camps

will also not be opening this summer. The organization decided measures like social distancing would be impossible to enforce at a children's summer camp. Calling it a "heartbreaking decision " Rochester Rotary says it plans on reopening the summer camp in the summer of 2021

May 28, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that United Airlines is using old uniforms in its effort to keep employees safe from the coronavirus. The airline is making face coverings from the old uniforms. United says it's delivered 7500 masks to its employees so far.

May 29, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that there is some help for workers in barbershops and salons. Monroe County is giving out face shields and PPE. Face shields are required in order for them to provide services. Anyone licensed to operate a salon or barbershop in Monroe County is welcome to come, they just need to email monroecounty.gov first.

June 1, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that city leaders believe many of those who sparked the violence were not part of the peaceful protest. Instead, they say they came with the intention to hijack the protest. Mayor Lovely Warren visibly frustrated by the violence rocking Rochester this weekend. Peaceful protests overshadowed by riots and destruction Saturday night. Police Chief La'ron Singletary calling those who instigated it professional protestors and anarchists. The city is distributing photos of those they say are responsible including this image captured by a photographer at the Democrat and Chronicle. RPD have arrested 13 people so far. The chief says more arrests are coming and anyone with information is asked to call Crimestoppers.

June 2, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that The Hall of Justice will be back open to day after it was closed yesterday. A handful of people were sent home as a precaution after protesters began to gather. Sheriff Baxter says no threats were made.

June 3, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that state police are warning about a scam in Livingston County. They say people are receiving phone calls stating that a family member was in an accident and demand large sums of money for bail. Police are urging anyone who receives the call not to provide any personal information and call police.

June 4, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that for the 4th time Nissan is recalling millions of cars to fix a latch problem that may allow the hood to fly open while cars are moving. The recall covers nearly 1.9 million Altimas from the 2013 to 2018 model years. Nissan says a coating

can flake off the secondary hood latch exposing bare metal. Over time, the metal can rust and cause the secondary latch to stay open.

June 5, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that as the Rochester region continues to reopen experts are offering some advice to older adults. While they are considered a high risk for contracting covid-19 doctors are encouraging some in-person social interaction. They say the safest kind of visit is outside for a short amount of time. Going to the grocery store is okay but take necessary precautions.

June 8, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that starting today Instacart is changing its tipping policy. The company is looking to prevent tip baiting where customers put in large tips to lure in shoppers then lower the tip after groceries are delivered. Now users only have 24 hours to decide on a tip. Instacart saying that customers who engage in tip baiting will have their accounts deactivated.

June 9, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that experts across the country and locally have expressed concerned about a coronavirus spike following the recent protests. Monroe County Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Mendoza says if people were at the protests the past 2 weeks and got tested those results will be coming soon. Mendoza added that he is optimistic and was glad to see many wearing a mask during the protests.

June 10, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that there is a new initiative to help Rochester travelers return to the sky. It's called #ready-set-roc and is promoting safe and healthy travel. Passengers and airport staff will have to follow certain protocols like enhanced cleaning, sanitizing their hands, and more. The initiative also includes educating by posting on the airport's social media, overhead announcements, and putting more signs up.

June 11, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that Amazon will no longer provide facial recognition technology to police. The company says it wants to give congress time to "implement appropriate rules " for police use of facial recognition. The technology has been shown to more frequently misidentify people of color.

June 12, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that US Postal Service employees are getting attacked by dogs less than in years past. In 2019 there were 200 less attacks than the previous year. USPS attributes the downward trend to technology and awareness. Handheld scanners used by mail carriers can indicate the presence of a dog and delivery service alerts also give homeowners advance time to secure dogs before carriers arrive.

June 14, 2020**13 WHAM News – 6 PM****:20**

Dan Schrack reports a consumer alert tonight, about 40,000 pounds of ground beef are being recalled. The 7 affected products are from Lakeside Refrigerated Services in New Jersey. The company produced them June 1st and distributed them nationwide. A detailed list of recalled products is on the FSIS website.

June 15, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:30**

Matt Molloy reports that changes are already underway at one local police department. Odgen's police chief says the department has already banned chokeholds and officers are required to report anytime an officer uses any weapon. He says his station is starting to come up with new training strategies for its officers with input from the community. They are still in the early stages of their plan. Police departments across the state have 9 months to submit their changes to state or they risk losing funding .

June 16, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:20**

Kris Betts reports that the New York State Liquor Authority will now be doing a code enforcement job normally handled on the local level. This follows more than 25,000 citizen complaints statewide about bars not following guidelines. While some local bars say they haven't had issues they are remaining vigilant. Governor Cuomo says if businesses do not follow guidelines that could result in a halt to phased reopening.

June 18, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:20**

Alexis Arnold and Kris Betts report that calls to 911 over illegal fireworks are surging across the Rochester area. Police say they typically get these kinds of calls the week of the 4th of July. This year it's started much earlier. They say not only is it a nuisance but it's also dangerous & illegal. Chief Jackson says if you do use these illegal fireworks and you do start a fire you can be charged with a felony. Anyone who hears these fireworks is urged to call 911 so officers can try & track down the culprit.

June 19, 2020**13 WHAM News – 6 AM****:20**

Alexis Arnold and Kris Betts report that there are now 2 covid cases tied to Rochester bars. One of those people visited 2 bars. The Monroe County Health Department says a person who tested positive for covid-19 came to "Beer and Park" between 9 and 10:30 pm on June 12th. Before that, health officials say the person was at Dragonfly Tavern from 7-8:30. Bar owners are now rushing to sanitize and making sure everyone is following safety protocols to avoid losing their liquor license or being shut down.

June 22, 2020**13 WHAM News – 5 AM****:20**

Alexis Arnold reports that the CDC says it plans to update its recommendations on masks soon. Scientists are now reviewing if masks protect people from contracting covid-19 and not just prevent the spread of the virus. One recommendation says people should wear masks when they leave their home. Another recommends people wear a mask if they cannot properly social distance.

June 23, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that the FDA is warning people not to use hand sanitizer made by the company Eeskbiochem Sa De Cv. The organization says the sanitizer has methanol in it which can be fatal or cause long term health problems. If you were exposed you could experience nausea and headaches. Some of the more serious effects are permanent blindness, seizures, and nervous system damage.

June 24, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that Governor Cuomo is issuing new travel restrictions. In a joint announcement with the governors of New Jersey and Connecticut he says anyone coming to New York from a state with a high number of coronavirus cases including Florida will be asked to go into quarantine for 2 weeks. It comes amid a major drop in cases here while other states are now seeing a surge.

June 25, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that a travel advisory is now in effect in New York. Travelers entering New York, New Jersey or Connecticut from high-risk covid states must quarantine for 14 days. The states include Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, North and South Carolina, Washington, Utah and Texas. Violators could face a possible fine ranging from \$2,000 up to \$10,000 if you cause harm. You could also be subject to a judicial order mandating quarantine.

June 26, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that the owner of local malls is pushing back against comments Governor Cuomo made tying air conditioning to covid. During a briefing on Wednesday the governor said that air conditioning in some malls circulate bacteria and the virus. The engineer in charge of the heating and cooling system in local malls says their systems are up to date. Wilmorite says it can use security to control the number of people inside and prevent large social gatherings. There is still no word on when the state will allow malls to re-open.

June 29, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Alexis Arnold reports that an iconic staple at Costco will be eliminated. Costco is doing away with its half sheet cakes due to the pandemic. Costco says the move is meant to help limit contact and create more space for social distancing by reducing service in some departments. The company says it has no plans to bring back the cakes.

June 30, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that frustrations over firework displays in the area are skyrocketing. And some are taking action. Lesley Johnson says fireworks are launched every night near her home which she says is not only annoying but also dangerous. She has now started an online petition calling for an end to it. Governor Cuomo announced that he is directing state police to launch a fireworks enforcement detail to prevent illegal fireworks from being brought into the state from Pennsylvania.

EDUCATION

April 3, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that breaking overnight the New York State budget agreement has been approved. That includes emergency money for Rochester City Schools as they look to close a growing deficit. The district is getting 35 million dollars from the state. Part of the deal includes an independent monitor who will oversee the district's finances and education programs. The monitor will also help in creating both financial and academic plans for the district.

April 6, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that RIT researchers are helping come up with a solution to the nationwide ventilator shortage. The college says its researchers are working with healthcare providers and experts in the region to build prototype emergency ventilators. They plug into oxygen sources commonly found in hospitals and initial tests indicate they meet the needs of covid-19 patients. The prototype was initially demonstrated for doctors at Rochester Regional Health late last month after which some modifications were made. RIT is working with collaborators from the U of R who are assisting with final FDA approvals and providing feedback.

April 7, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that
An update this morning for students in New York State. Regents Exams have been canceled. The state education department is expected to release more information regarding regents diplomas and graduation requirements later today.

April 8, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that after recently addressing a \$60 million budget deficit for next school year, it must now accommodate an extra \$20 million shortfall. More than \$17 million of that is from a reduction of state aid next year. The cost of continuing food

services to students until the end of summer will cost an additional \$2 million. Options range from cutting programs and teaching jobs to changing elementary schools back to neighborhood schools and asking its unions not to seek raises. Furloughs for central office staff was also suggested. Superintendent Dade is expected to make his proposals on April 14th.

April 10, 2020

13 WHAM News – 8 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that local schools will remain closed through at least the end of the month. They're waiting on guidance from the governor to determine whether they'll be able to reopen at all before summer. Some schools are already preparing in case school can't resume.

April 11, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that Governor Cuomo and New York City Mayor, Bill de Blasio are at odds over the state of schools. In a tweet this morning de Blasio announced he was closing schools until September. But the governor pushed back calling this the mayor's opinion and says the decision will be made at the state level.

April 12, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that the Rochester City School Board will get its first look at a new budget proposal on Tuesday. Superintendent Terry Dade says the district's budget deficit now sits at 85 million dollars. His proposal could include layoffs, furloughs, and school closings. The school board will host a community round table on Wednesday at 6 o'clock. If you want to join the conversation we've got the info on 13wham.com.

April 13, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports back to the coronavirus outbreak and the questions surrounding the re-opening of New York State schools. Over the weekend Governor Cuomo fired back at New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio after de Blasio announced New York City schools would not reopen. Cuomo said when a decision is made it will be made on a state level and it won't happen until businesses reopen .

April 16, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that new information on the impact this pandemic is having on higher education. The college board is preparing to move the SAT online or give the test on weekends in August. However, a new survey says a significant number of incoming college freshman are now considering a gap year. That would lead to a fall in class size and impact each college's budget.

April 20, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Jayne Chacko reports that Sherry Johnson with the Monroe County School Boards Association says the pandemic has impacted the quality of education across the county. Johnson says Rochester City School District was expecting millions in foundation aid

before the crisis now its existing budget could be cut even more. The governor saying today the state is projecting it will need to cut funding for schools by 20% if it doesn't get relief money from the feds.

April 21, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Don Alhart reports new details just in on the Rochester City School District's massive budget deficit. The state comptroller's audit blames both school board and district officials for sloppy budget practices leading to shortfalls in last year's budget. Among the findings; not enough money was put away in the district's fund balance, or savings account, and the adopted budget had unrealistic estimates, contributing to a multimillion deficit. The comptroller says board and district leaders need to create a comprehensive financial plan and use realistic estimates of revenues and spending to avoid repeating their mistakes.

April 23, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that that big questions for college students this morning on whether or not classes will resume on campus this fall. SUNY schools will have to follow suit with the state but private universities and colleges like RIT and Hobart and William Smith colleges say they plan to start the semester on time.

April 27, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that concerns for college students on whether or not they'll return to campus this fall and if they return what will that look like? If a second wave of covid-19 hits it could force students to stay home meaning no dorms, no dining halls, and no classmates. On Friday, enrollment decisions are due. Some students are questioning if they should return while colleges are preparing for that answer to be "no". Colleges are expecting a 15% decline in fall enrollment.

April 28, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that President Trump is now saying that schools should consider reopening even if it's not for long. This comes as schools across New York worry about their budgets. The state comptroller says without help from Washington schools will face drastic cuts. Schools in our area are making preparations if they go back and for next school year. That includes social distancing whenever they can, intense disinfecting, and possibly wearing masks. Mick Gee, the head of the Allendale Columbia school says students will continue this school year on online.

April 30, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that now to the possible reopening of school across the country. In a draft of guidelines the CDC provides what school could look like once it's back in session. The draft includes: desks 6 feet apart, avoiding field trips and assemblies and having lunch in the classroom instead of the cafeteria. In New York a decision on whether or not to reopen schools is expected in the next couple of days.

May 1, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Kris Betts reports that many high school seniors are facing a huge choice today. It's National Decision Day, the day students decide where they'll go to college. This as concerns whether schools across the country can reopen in September due to the coronavirus pandemic. Colleges and universities are facing declines in enrollment which is leading to revenue trigger spending cuts and salary freezes.

May 7, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Don Alhart reports that multiple sources tell 13wham news that the former Superintendent of the Brockport Central School District will be named superintendent. Doctor Lesli Myers-Small led the Brockport School District for 7 years. For the last few months she's worked with the state education department to help reform struggling schools. No word yet when she will start her new job.

May 8, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Tanner Jubenville reports that if students are allowed back in the classroom by the start of the next academic year there's concern among parents and teachers about the amount of change students are experiencing. The teachers union says as many as 200 teachers could either retire early or resign this year which could result in fewer positions being cut back. The budget will go to a vote before city council next month.

May 10, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that it's a big week for the Rochester City School District. This week the city council will either give the district's budget the green light or ask the board to come up with another option. Last week the school board adopted a new budget that includes the closure of schools and cuts more than 300 positions. This all in an effort to close a multi-million dollar deficit. The city council is set to vote this Tuesday.

May 12, 2020

13 WHAM News – 11 PM

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Don Alhart reports that New York State is urging the federal government to send in financial help for education. The State Board of Regents and the education

commissioner sent letters to Education Secretary Betsy Devos, citing New York's urgent need for more funds to recover from the pandemic.

May 13, 2020

13 WHAM News – 11 PM

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Don Alhart reports that Governor Cuomo says he cannot make a decision right now on whether schools will reopen in the fall here in New York. He said tonight the state is not at that point just yet.

May 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that the Rochester Public Library is starting curbside pickup for members tomorrow. The central library will hand out mobile hotspot units, books and DVD's with contactless pickup. Hours are from 9:30 in the morning until 2 pm. Patrons are asked to arrive at scheduled appointment times and park on Broad Street. As a reminder libraries are not accepting returns or donations at this time.

May 18, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that RIT will no longer require SAT or ACT scores for potential students. The university says these tests are not the best indicators of student success. The pandemic has been another factor in the decision to go test-optional. Most test dates in the spring were canceled due to the coronavirus, and now the college board is considering to offer the tests online.

May 19, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that Nazareth College is looking to resume classes on campus this fall. The college has a team working on a plan for safe in-person classes. Nazareth says it has already ordered touchless faucets, and personal protective equipment.

May 21, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that the state education department has appointed a monitor for the Rochester City School District. Doctor Shelley Jallow will provide oversight, guidance and technical assistance related to the educational and fiscal practices of the district, board of education and superintendent. The Board of Regents says bold solutions are needed to address the problems the district has had for decades.

May 22, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports an update on the fate of schools in New York. Governor Cuomo says it's too early to make a call for the fall semester and summer school will be online. Meantime the new guidelines for schools to follow released by the CDC this week are prompting concern among some educators. Specifically for middle and high school

students if schools end up having to keep students with one teacher for most of the day. Other guidelines include desks 6 feet apart, eating lunch in classrooms, and canceling field trips. We have a full list on 13wham.com.

May 28, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Ginny Ryan reports that new details tonight on a new wave of teachers layoffs in the Rochester City Schools. Some 200 are being let go. The teachers union says this includes 46 elementary, 39 reading and 20 math teachers. The union will hold a zoom meeting with teachers next month. The school board recently approved more than 300-layoffs in total and the closure of 5 schools. This comes as the district wrestles with a massive budget deficit.

June 4, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that as the school year winds down Governor Cuomo spoke about graduation ceremonies today during his daily briefing. The assembly minority conference is calling for Governor Cuomo to allow high schools across the state to host socially-distanced graduation ceremonies to celebrate the students.

June 5, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that drive-in and drive-thru graduations have been given the go ahead by Governor Cuomo. Assembly republicans are asking him to allow high schools to allow socially distanced graduations for seniors.

June 7, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Dan Schrack reports that the class of 2020 could soon get the graduations they've been waiting for. Governor Cuomo today announcing the state will allow outdoor, socially distant graduations. They will have to be scaled back with only 150 people allowed. But they can begin June 26th. Many local districts have been holding off on graduation plans waiting to see what the state would allow. The announcement comes as New York reports its lowest amount of new positive covid-19 tests since March.

June 10, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 AM

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Kris Betts reports that school budget votes are now in the process of being mailed in. The ballots are due next Tuesday. While districts say there's been an increase in voting it has been more difficult. If school budgets are rejected we are told districts will be forced to adopt contingency budgets because there isn't enough time for a second vote. It will take 1 week to process and count.

June 11, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that the Rochester City School District is making sure more of its students have what they need to continue online learning. Today 2,000 Chromebooks were handed out at Edison Tech to 4th and 5th grade students. Previously, the

Chromebooks were only available to 6th through 12th graders. The district says this expansion of the program gives these younger students the same opportunities as the older ones. This was made possible through city grant money given to the United Way who bought the Chromebooks and donated them to the city school district.

June 12, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports that schools in Monroe County may be making changes to curriculum. Superintendents say they want to include more lessons on how race, class, and inequalities shaped the Rochester area. Teachers are hoping this will help students learn how to have those tougher conversations. In Pittsford an online petition to implement similar studies has already collected about 3000 signatures. Curriculum should be finalized by September.

June 15, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Kris Betts reports just in time for summer youth sports now making a comeback. Governor Cuomo announcing low-risk activities like baseball, cross country, crew and gymnastics can start next month for regions in Phase 3. Jackie Kitto, the gymnastics director at the Henrietta Rec Center says class sizes will be cut in half and sessions will be 10 minutes shorter so staff can sanitize mats and equipment in between trainings. She says she's relieved to be teaching again.

June 16, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Doug Emblidge reports that Harvard says it will not require applicants to submit an SAT score in 2021. The university now joins most of the rest of the ivy league in making SAT and ACT test scores optional this year because of the difficulty of taking and possibly retaking tests amid shutdowns caused by the coronavirus. Out of the 8 Ivies, only Princeton is still requiring scores be submitted in the coming application cycle.

June 17, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that results of local school budget votes continue to come in. This year due to the pandemic they were mail in ballots. Voters have approved the budgets in the districts we've heard from including Greece, Rush-Henrietta and Gates-Chili. We have the numbers on 13wham.com.

June 18, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold and Michael Schwartz report that school is likely to be in session inside a classroom this fall. As the Monroe County Health director points to progress made in the fight against covid-19. The new school year will likely come with some changes.

Michael Schwartz is live in Brighton this morning with how school will look different this year. The biggest, how long will zoom teaching go on? Others addressed were what will be the changes in buildings, transportation and what about extra curriculums? Dr. Mendoza said he'll be looking at what are the least risky activities for infection to spread. He said we know outdoor activities are better than indoor. We could be looking at masks inside schools with physical distancing. Dr. Mendoza said temperature checks would be implemented at each building with a plan created by the schools. Parents want their students to get back in buildings but safety is of course the top concern.

June 19, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 PM

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Mike Catalana reports that the Empire United Soccer Academy of Rochester has a lot of players, ages 7-18 for boys and girls. They had meetings today going over the rules and being prepared for when their players come back to the facility next month. Jeff Oliver the director of coaching says their plan remains in place to do what is best for their kids because of covid and because of the time away. Oliver says they won't be doing anything outside their club for at least a month, likely more. They realize that they have a large staff and it's easier to handle this transition than it might be for smaller groups and teams.

June 23, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

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Don Alhart reports that information on higher education has been added to the states website under Phase 4. It includes wearing masks in common areas if people can't stay 6 feet apart and employees reporting to work on campus must be screened daily. Students will be screened periodically at the college's discretion. Phase 4 could begin as soon as this Friday.

June 25, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Matt Molloy reports that a group of parents are calling for schools to reopen. The group, called Roc for Educational Freedom is planning a rally outside the Penfield Administration Office this afternoon at 3 p-m, demanding more involvement in the school reopening process. Penfield superintendent says the district is collecting feedback from parents but says no plans can start without state guidelines which puts him in the same boat as many parents. The Board of Regents, which is holding virtual meetings with educators and parents across the state said it will release its findings mid-July.

June 29, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

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Alexis Arnold reports that the governor is putting a hold to high school summer practice just as off-season workouts were set to start. The New York State Public High School Athletic Association says it was caught off guard by the governor's announcement. The athletic department at Pittsford has been coming up with a game plan to keep athletes in the game while practicing safe social distancing. One coach in Pittsford says he

believes allowing supervised workouts can teach kids how to be safe. The athletics association says it is planning to meet with its covid-19 task force tomorrow to come up with contingency plans of how to get the fall seasons going again.

June 30, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

:25

Alexis Arnold reports that The American Academy of Pediatrics is pushing for kids to return to school in the fall. The group "strongly advocates" for a return to classrooms as soon as it's safe to do so saying remote learning is likely to lead to "severe learning loss and increased social isolation." The group notes transmission of coronavirus is uncommon among kids though there are concerns about the safety of teachers and staff members.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY/MINORITY AFFAIRS

Cultural diversity and minority affairs are covered during 13 WHAM News Programs. The following topics were covered as part of WHAM-TV's responsive programming:

April 5, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

:25

Dan Schrack reports that Rochester is making some changes to its grab-and-go meal program. Starting tomorrow, distribution at rec-centers will now happen from 8 in the morning to 5:30 at night. The hours for distribution at city schools will remain unchanged. However, this Friday no meals will be handed out at RCSD Schools and rec-centers will have limited hours. We have more information on 13wham.com.

April 18, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

:25

Dan Schrack reports that 13wham is holding another covid-19 town hall next week. We're taking your questions straight to Monroe County Health Commissioner Doctor Michael Mendoza, Monroe County Executive Adam Bello, Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren and Congressman Joe Morelle. The covid-19 town hall is happening next Wednesday at 7o'clock on 13wham ABC, 13wham.com and our Facebook page.

April 19, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

:21

Dan Schrack reports that starting tomorrow the Rochester City School District will be serving grab-and-go meals at 4 new locations. They include the Douglass Campus and Schools 45, 8 and 17. Hours at the all sites will remain the same. To see the full list of locations head over to 13 wham.com.

April 22, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

:25

Kris Betts reports that Livingston County is teaming up with Foodlink to distribute food to those in need. Emergency food items will be handed out next Wednesday at the Dansville Central School District from 3-5 p.m. Another event will be held at the Geneseo Central School District on Saturday, May 2nd from 9-11 a.m. These will be

drive-thru pickups. Pre-registration is required online. You can get that information on 13wham.com.

April 23, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

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Matt Molloy reports that at sundown Muslims around the globe will start observing the holy month of Ramadan. Believers typically take part in nightly prayers and feasts after fasting since dawn. The pandemic will mean that these gatherings will be much smaller than in previous years. Religious leaders in Iran and Egypt have asked those observing to pray at home.

April 24, 2020

13 WHAM News – 12 PM

:15

Kris Betts reports a new partnership to help those isolated at home. The Nextdoor app is working with Walmart in the "neighbors helping neighbors" program. Nextdoor users will be able to ask for or offer help getting essential items for vulnerable community members.

April 25, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

:25

Dan Schrack reports that The First Genesis Baptist Church distributed meals and masks to those in need today. The church has been providing meals before the pandemic to the needy, but they recently partnered with the Chamber of Commerce to also provide masks for those who are in need. The church will be providing meals and masks every Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm.

May 2, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

:25

Dan Schrack reports that hundreds of people lined up today for a drive-thru food giveaway. Foodlink volunteers handed out 50 pounds worth of food to families in need. And thanks to donations from the county hand sanitizer, masks and other toiletries were also handed out. The organization says they understand what some people are going through and they're simply answering the call.

May 6, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

:20

Matt Molloy reports that today a drive-in drop-off food collection will be happening in Greece. Donations will be collected from 10 in morning to 2 in the afternoon to help the Greece ecumenical food shelf. People are asked to bring donations in bags or boxes. They can be dropped off in the parking lot of the Greece Town Hall.

May 9, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

:20

Dan Schrack reports that the financial impact of the pandemic is hitting some harder than others. Today members of Theta Oh-Ma-Kron collected nonperishable food items to help those in need. The food collected will be given to the Boys and Girls Club of

Rochester and distributed to families. Members of the organization say they just want to take the burden off families in their community.

May 11, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

:15

Matt Molloy reports that this afternoon thousands of gallons of milk will be handed out to those who need it. It's from 1 to 3 at the U of R's River Campus on Elmwood Avenue. The drive-thru distribution is a collaboration between the university and Dairy Farmers of America.

May 20, 2020

13 WHAM News – 5 AM

:15

Alexis Arnold reports that now an update this morning on the eventual reopening of churches in our area. The Catholic Diocese of Rochester says parishes should begin working on reopening plans. Churches have been closed since March. It could still be up to a month before they are allowed to reopen.

June 13, 2020

13 WHAM News – 6 PM

:25

Dan Schrack reports that The Out Alliance of Rochester is ceasing operations. The organization making the announcement yesterday citing its current financial situation and inability to generate upward momentum. It's board says it is hopeful for a comeback in some capacity and wants to continue to serve Rochester's LGBTQ plus community. Roc Pride 2020 was canceled earlier this year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY/MINORITY AFFAIRS

Cultural diversity and minority affairs are covered during WHAM-TV's public affairs program, "Many Voices, Many Visions," which is a celebration of cultural diversity in terms of race, ethnicity, creed, gender/gender orientation and ability. The following topics were covered as part of WHAM-TV's responsive programming.

April 5, 2020

Many Voices, Many Visions

30:00

VOA / Susan B Anthony

Rochester's Mayor and County Executive declared March 8-14th "Volunteers of America Week" We talked with President and CEO of Volunteers of America, Lynn Sullivan and Regional VP of Housing Services about the services Volunteers of America provides. Sullivan also reveals a new project to build housing for those experiencing homeless in our area. That project is being funded by a \$1.25 million grant from New York State. To find out more, visit, www.voaupny.org

March 8th was International Women's Day. We talked with President and CEO of the Susan B Anthony Museum and House, Deborah Hughes about the advancements women have made in society.

April 12, 2020

Many Voices, Many Visions

30:00

Brain Mapping / Breastfeeding Summit

This week we share the story of Gabe Abdella, who had a brain tumor. Neurosurgeons used translational brain mapping to help guide them during surgery to not only remove the tumor but help improve Gabe's brain function. Doctors Webster Pilcher and Brad Mahon talk about the process and advancement in science. You can view Gabe's story [here](#)

https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=emb_title&v=kh9oO1MXrKA&time_continue=12 and learn more about the program [here https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/del-monte-neuroscience/translational-brain-mapping.aspx](https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/del-monte-neuroscience/translational-brain-mapping.aspx)

This week, the 2020 Breastfeeding Summit was held March 5th. Healthcare providers heard from two nationally recognized breastfeeding experts. Dr. Ann Dozier with URMCM talked about the importance of the summit, getting all healthcare providers on the same page to share with the community. Topics addressed were co-sleeping and breastfeeding. To find more resources in your community, visit <https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/breastfeeding.aspx>

April 19, 2020

Many Voices, Many Visions

30:00

Sickle Cell Disease / Susan B Celebration

This week we discuss the impact Sickle Cell disease has on not only the individual diagnosed but that person's family. A local man, Mazi Simmons shares his story. URMCM Division Chief of transitional care medicine and founder of the Complex Care Center, Dr. Tiffany Pulcino explains what the disease is and where we are when it comes to research and finding a cure and the number of resources that are available to provide support. Tyrea Simmons helped to create the We Before Me. You can find resources here <http://twbmf.com/> and at <https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/complex-care-center.aspx>

Rochester celebrates Susan B Anthony's 200th birthday, making it a year-long celebration. The Susan B. Anthony Museum and House will have a party and fundraiser at the Joseph A Floreano Riverside Convention Center Feb 12. Tena Clark is the keynote speaker. Clark is a Grammy-award-winning producer, civil rights activist and women's rights crusader. Among the big names she has worked with, Aretha Franklin, Patti LaBelle and Chaka Kahn. For ticket information or to find out more about events throughout the year, go to <https://susanb.org/speaker-announced-for-susan-b-anthony-200th-birthday-dinner/>

April 26, 2020

Many Voices, Many Visions

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May 3, 2020

Many Voices, Many Visions

30:00

2020 Census / Aquinas Student's Mission

Starting April 1st residents will get info in the mail about the 2020 Census. This week, we talk about what the census does and what's the importance of it. The census is also recruiting for census workers. Regional Director Jeff Behler talks about the importance of having people in their own communities as census takers. You can learn more at www.census.gov.

Also this week we share the story of an Aquinas Institute Sophomore who is on a mission that is near and dear to his heart. Gabriel Englerth was adopted at a young age from an orphanage in Colombia. He has raised nearly \$4,000 to donate back to that orphanage, giving the children there beds and school supplies.

May 10, 2020

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May 17, 2020

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The Kanack School of Musical Artistry / Brighton Fire Department

The Kanack School of music is located in Brighton. It has been around for more than 20 years We provide students of all ages a warm, disciplined, and non-competitive environment in which to develop their musical artistry. We offer private lessons in violin, viola, cello, piano, voice, flute, fiddle, guitar, mandolin, ukulele, and banjo. Andrew Barnhart, Artistic Director – You can find them at 2077 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14618 or on the web at <http://kanack.org>

The Brighton Fire Department is looking for volunteer firefighters. We talk about why there is a need for more volunteer firefighters, some of the challenges it takes to get and keep volunteer firefighters. We talk with department President Vin Nolan and one of the District Commissioners David Metzger about the requirements and who is eligible. There's an informational session to talk about recruits on November 18th and January 20, 2020 from 7 to 8 PM @BFD headquarters at 3100 East Avenue. You can also find out more here www.BrightonFD.org email us Join@BrightonFD.org call 585-209-9020

May 24, 2020

Many Voices, Many Visions

30:00

The National Witness Project / Cameron Teen Center

The Witness Project is a culturally competent, community based, breast and cervical cancer education program through which cancer survivors and health advisors increase awareness, knowledge, screening and early detection behaviors in the African-American population in an effort to reduce the mortality and morbidity rate from cancer. Narseary Harris, Witness Protection Project and Charmaine Jeeter, The National Witness Project.

Cameron community Ministries offers a variety of programs including a teen program. The organization just held a ribbon cutting for its new facility. The new teen center offers a relaxing atmosphere where teens can relax but they also get the skills they need such as life skills, learning how to wash clothes. Cooking classes are offered so teens can learn about healthy eating habits. Tutors are available. Teens have access to free

WIFI and laptops to do their homework. There's even a space for poetry slams where, teens can show case their creativity in the arts. Jennifer Muniga, Executive Director, Cameron Teen Center and Jonathan Coyle, Teen Program Director at Cameron Teen Center

May 31, 2020

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June 14, 2020

Many Voices, Many Visions

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C15 Collaborative Art Space / MasterMinds

The C15 Collaborative Art Space is expanding in Rochester with a new space at 15 Charlotte Street. The space will function as a sister site to the Yards at the Rochester Public Market. The new space will offer spacious studios, an intimate gallery, and opportunities for private events as well as events for the public as well. A studio show, open to the public is scheduled for, Friday March 1. A grand opening will happen May 1st. You can find more information at theartsrochester.com Scott Zorn of Grove Street Management, Kristina Kaiser and Lisa Rickman from the Yards guest appear.

MasterMinds is a quiz bowl that challenges the minds of local high school students. Schools go toe-to-toe answering trivia/college-bowl questions. We talk with the group's founder, Scott Kroner about how MasterMinds came to be 25 years ago and how it's evolved and why he would like to see it recognized as an academic sport. We also hear from Brighton High School Senior, Henry Berger about his time competing and The Aquinas Institute Coach, George Flevaris. For more information, go to www.nymasterminds.com

June 21, 2020

Many Voices, Many Visions

30:00

The Margaret Home / OFC Creations / The Latino Theatre Co.

This week we, speak with President of The Margaret Home Paula Belemjian about the services her organization offers to pregnant mothers who are experiencing homelessness or unstable living conditions. We also talk about their baby bottle drive, collecting spare change to help donate to the home. Phone (585) 330-7127 or email: paula_belemjian@themargarethome.com

We also talk with Eric Vaughn Johnson of OFC Creations and their upcoming performance of In the Heights at the Lyric Theatre in Rochester on Dec 13, 14th.

We also speak with Annette Ramos and Stephanie Paredes of the Rochester Latino Theatre Company. Who have partnered with OFC for a cultural competency program to

help the cast members learn more about the Latino culture. You can get tickets at OFCcreations.com

June 28, 2020

Many Voices, Many Visions

30:00

Agape Haven / Imagination Station

Julia Polidore-Oakley joined us as a guest to talk about the work of Agape Haven and Abundance, an organization committed to serving those in need in the Rochester area and overseas in underserved areas of Western Africa. To support the work they do, they are hosting A Christmas Spectacular Saturday, December 21 from 5 to 9PM at Calvary Presbyterian Church located at 68 Ashland Street, Rochester, NY. Contact (585) 483-0791 for more details.

Mrs. Kasha Davis and Mary Tiballi Hoffman of Blackfriars Theatre joined us to talk about Imagination Station – a vibrant, family friendly, inclusive program that not only provides story time for children but lessons of love and acceptance with Mrs. Kasha Davis. You can go to www.blackfriars.org/imaginationstation for show dates and times.