

Here follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station KBIA, Columbia, Missouri along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period July, 2022 through September, 2022. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

1. “Boone County confirms first monkeypox case as Missouri plans for more potential cases”

Local In-Depth Health Coverage

August 31, 2022

Aired at 4:44pm

7:54

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Missouri now has more than 40 diagnosed cases of monkeypox – and Boone County reported its first confirmed case yesterday. Now, while the case count and the community risk still remain fairly low – KBIA’s Rebecca Smith spoke with Nathan Koffarnus, the Assistant Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

2. “Jewish advocates decry ‘religious’ stance on abortion”

Local In-Depth Health coverage

July 21, 2022

Aired during Morning Edition and All Things Considered

3:59

In June, the Supreme court overturned Roe v. Wade and Missouri quickly followed suit and outlawed nearly all abortions in the state. While people usually consider this issue closely tied to religion – the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis strives to protect the interests of women, children, and families. KBIA’s Katie Quinn spoke to Nancy Litz, the president of the organization about the Dobbs abortion decision and how it effects religious freedoms.

3. “Advocates worry new barriers to reproductive health may impact survivors of domestic and sexual violence”

Local In-Depth Health Reporting

July 20, 2022

Aired during Morning Edition and All Things Considered

3:59

In June, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and Missouri outlawed all abortions except in cases where the pregnant person’s life is at risk – with no exceptions for rape or incest. This has many advocates worried – especially those working in domestic and sexual violence prevention.

4. “Missouri’s higher education institutions struggle to attract Latino students”

Local News Coverage

August 4, 2022

Aired at 4:44pm

3:59

None of the students in the University of Missouri system can major in Latino Studies. And neither can any student from some of the larger public universities in the state. But one woman is trying to change that. Dr. Deborah Cohen, a history professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, has helped lead the charge to create a system-wide Latinx Studies minor along with a few other educators.

5. “Immigrants take the lead on community outreach for others with their same story”

Local Health coverage

August 3, 2022

Aired during Morning Edition and All Things Considered

3:59

Cristhia Castro works with only three other workers to help around 3,000 Hispanic people across Cole and Moniteau Counties have better access to health care, faith experiences, family services and educational opportunities.