Local Community Issues

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(July, August, September 2020)



ISSUE: PUBLIC SAFETY

ISSUE: Public Safety

TITLE: Masks distribution VO :29 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 07-28-20 DESCRIPTION:

In an effort to help stop the spread of coronavirus, today Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont and the state Dept. of Transportation distributed masks to CT Transit bus passengers at more than a dozen sites statewide including in Hartford, New Haven and Stamford.

ISSUE: IMMIGRATION

ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: Federal Judge Strikes Down Trump Asylum Rule Targeting Central

Americans / PKG / 2:00 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 07-01-20 DESCRIPTION:

A judge in Washington, DC revokes the immigration rule that denies asylum to people who cross through a third country before arriving in the United States.

ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: CBP Announces Migrants Detentions Numbers / PKG / 2:00 / 6:00pm &

11:00pm

DATE: 07-10-20 DESCRIPTION:

The Trump administration goes back to its focus on immigration. Today CBP announced that despite the pandemic, in June they detained 32,512 immigrants trying to cross the border without documents. That's a 40% increase compared to May.

ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: Removing Unauthorized Immigrants From Census Could Change

Apportionment In House / Vo / 2:16 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 07-00-20



DESCRIPTION:

Trump now faces a total of three new federal lawsuits that are joining ongoing legal challenges surrounding the 2020 census.

ISSUE: LOCAL POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: Bill Would Extend Eviction Moratorium for One Year After Emergency

Lifts In Mass. / Vo / 0:23 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 07-02-20 DESCRIPTION:

A group of lawmakers, including one of the leaders of the Housing Committee, will push for lasting housing relief in the coming weeks that would keep a mandatory pause on evictions and foreclosures in place for more than a year.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: Supreme Court Allows Trump to Exempt Employers From Obamacare

Birth Control Mandate / Vo / 0.26 / 6.00pm & 11.00pm

DATE: 07-08-20 DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled 7-2 upholding President Donald Trump's move to let more employers opt-out of the Affordable Care Act mandate guaranteeing no-cost contraceptive services for women.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: June's job Numbers / PKG / 2:00 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 07-24-20 DESCRIPTION:

President Trump holds a surprise briefing to talk about June's job numbers. The economy created 4.8 million jobs and the unemployment rate dropped to 11.1%. However, experts fear that the increase in coronavirus cases could make things worse.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: USPS and Mail-in Ballots / PKG / 2:00 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm



DATE: 07-28-20 DESCRIPTION:

The United States Postal Service is advising local jurisdictions that their voters should send in mail-in ballots no later than 15 days before Election Day.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: Mortgage & Rental Assistance VO:29 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 07-28-20 DESCRIPTION:

The Connecticut Department of Housing and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority today launched a new website to help manage the eligibility and screening process for two new programs that provide housing assistance amid the COVID-19 crisis. The Temporary Rental Housing Assistance Programs (TRHAP) offers rental assistance, while the Temporary Mortgage Assistance Program (T-MAP) offers mortgage assistance for those struggling to pay their housing costs due to the job loss, reduction of work, furlough, or closing of business as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: Second Stimulus Package Discussions / PKG / 2:00 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 07-29-20 DESCRIPTION:

Congress is still working to find common ground on what should be included in the second stimulus package. Today we will discuss how Hispanics will be affected if Congress reduces or does not extend the \$600 unemployment benefits.

ISSUE: HEALTHCARE

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: COVID-19 And Surge Capacity In U.S. Hospitals / PKG / 2:08 / 6:00pm

& 11:00pm

DATE: 07-08-20 DESCRIPTION:



As of April 2020, the United States is faced with the early stages of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Experts predict up to 60% of the population will become infected with a fatality rate of 1% and a hospitalization rate of approximately 20%. Efforts to suppress viral spread have been unsuccessful as cases are reported in all 50 states, and fatalities are rising.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: New CDC advice on youth sports safety / PKG / 1:15 / 6:00pm &

11:00pm

DATE: 07-09-20 DESCRIPTION:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has new advice on how to play youth sports safely during a pandemic. For millions of children playing organized sports, this season will be like no other and the CDC has updated guidelines for youth sports safety in the age of COVID-19.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Many Covid-19 Patients Don't Know Where Caught It / PKG / 1:15 /

6:00pm & 11:00pm DATE: 07-10-20 DESCRIPTION:

In a survey of coronavirus inpatients and outpatients across different states, 54% couldn't pinpoint their source of infection. The remaining 46% said they had recent contact with someone they knew or later learned was infected typically family members and coworkers, the CDC report states.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Patients Experiencing Prolonged Symptoms From Covid-19 / PKG / 1:10 /

6:00pm & 11:00pm DATE: 07-17-20 DESCRIPTION:

One study conducted in Italy assessed for persistent symptoms in patients who were discharged from the hospital after recovery from COVID-19. The Fondazione Policlinico Universitàrio Agostino Gemelli IRCCS in Rome, Italy established a



post-acute outpatient service for individuals discharged from the hospital after recovery from COVID-19.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: / PKG / 1:24 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 07-20-20 DESCRIPTION:

A small study from the Cleveland Clinic found patients at two Ohio hospitals, who didn't have coronavirus, were two times more likely to have broken heart syndrome than before the pandemic. Broken heart syndrome, or Takotsubo syndrome, occurs when the heart muscles weaken, leading to chest pain and shortness of breath.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Oxford University - AstraZeneca Publish Positive Coronavirus Vaccine

Data in Lancet Study/ Vo / 0:20 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 07-20-20 DESCRIPTION:

Oxford University, along with Britain's AstraZeneca published promising data from an early stage trial of a key coronavirus vaccine study Monday in London that could lead to its broader use before the end of the year.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: CDC: Antibody Tests Show Coronavirus Rates 10X Higher / Vo / 0:22 /

6:00pm & 11:00pm DATE: 07-21-20 DESCRIPTION:

Reported coronavirus cases vastly underestimate the true number of infections, U.S. government data published Tuesday suggest, echoing results from a smaller study last month. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study says true COVID-19 rates were more than 10 times higher than reported cases in most U.S. regions from late March to early May. It is based on COVID-19 antibody tests performed on routine blood samples in 16,000 people in 10 U.S. regions.

ISSUE: EDUCATION



ISSUE: Education

TITLE: Interview School Official VO/Sot :59 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 07-27-20 DESCRIPTION:

A Connecticut School Official talks to us about how they are preparing for the upcoming school year. Use of masks is a must and they are also working in social distancing inside the classrooms.

ISSUE: Education

TITLE: Back to School Survey VO / 0:19 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 07-28-20 DESCRIPTION:

About two-thirds of Connecticut public school students expect to return to classes when the new school year begins in about a month, while 81% of teachers anticipate being back in the classroom, according to a survey released Monday by state education officials.



ISSUE: PUBLIC SAFETY

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TITLE: Investigation of Service Companies Vo : 32/6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-05-20 DESCRIPTION:

Lamont says he wants to know if Eversource and United Illuminating had enough staff and equipment on hand, and whether both companies have invested enough in storm preparedness. More than 700,000 Connecticut residents were left without power after Tropical Storm Isaias, Eversource and United Illuminating reported.

ISSUE: IMMIGRATION

ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: New USCIS Immigration Fees Hit Businesses, Citizens And Students /

PKG / 2:00 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-03-20 DESCRIPTION:

The Trump administration will increase fees on businesses, new citizens and international students who need work authorization. The new fee rule from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is the latest Trump administration action to restrict immigration to the United States and make life more difficult for businesses seeking skilled workers and individuals who want to be American citizens.

ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: Travel Restrictions Across The U.S. Borders With Canada And Mexico /

PKG / 0:20 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-14-20 DESCRIPTION:

The Canada-U.S. border will remain closed to nonessential travel for at least another month, Canada's public safety minister said Friday. The statement by Public Safety Minister Bill Blair came a day after Mexico announced a similar measure for its border with the United States.



ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: USCIS Abandons Mass Employee Furloughs That Would've Crippled

Immigration System / PKG / 0:18 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-25-20 DESCRIPTION:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on Tuesday announced it would abandon plans to furlough more than 13,000 employees next week, temporarily averting a scenario that would have crippled the processing of applications for green cards, work permits, U.S. citizenship and other immigration benefits.

ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: Last Round Of ITIN's Set To Expire This Year / PKG / 2:00 / 6:00pm &

11:00pm

DATE: 08-31-20 DESCRIPTION:

More than 1 million Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers are set to expire at the end of 2020 as the Internal Revenue Service completes the expiration of ITINs assigned prior to 2013. The IRS continues to urge affected taxpayers to submit their renewal applications early to avoid refund delays next year.

ISSUE: LOCAL POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

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TITLE: Census Cuts All Counting Efforts Short By A Month / Pkg / 2:00 / 6:00pm

& 11:00pm

DATE: 08-04-20 DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Census Bureau is ending all counting efforts for the 2020 census on Sept. 30, a month sooner than previously announced, the bureau's director confirmed Monday in a statement. That includes critical door-knocking efforts and collecting responses online, over the phone and by mail.



ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: Primary Elections tomorrow Vo : 26/6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-04-20 DESCRIPTION:

Connecticut votes in primary elections tomorrow August 11th to determine party candidates for a number of state House and Senate races.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: \$400 In Weekly Unemployment Benefits Could Actually Be Just \$300 /

Vo / 0:24 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-12-20 DESCRIPTION:

The extra \$400 in weekly unemployment benefits President Donald Trump promised last week will likely be just \$300 for many jobless Americans. White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow said Tuesday the administration has slightly modified its plans for the enhanced benefits after states raised concerns they could not afford their share of the cost.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: Connecticut Sales Tax Free Week Vo / 0:23 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-13-20 DESCRIPTION:

The state's annual Sales Tax Free Week this year begins Sunday, August 16, 2020 and runs through Saturday, August 22, 2020. During this one-week sales tax holiday, retail purchases of most clothing and footwear items priced under \$100 are exempt from Connecticut sales and use tax. This exemption applies to each eligible item under \$100, regardless of how many of those items are sold to a customer on the same invoice.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: Trump's Postmaster General Testifies / Vo / 0:32 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-21-20 DESCRIPTION:



Postmaster General Louis DeJoy answered lawmakers' questions today during a House Oversight Committee hearing. DeJoy. A Republican donor and Trump ally has faced accusations that he is intentionally sabotaging Postal Service operations after he made service changes in the run up to the election.

ISSUE: HEALTHCARE

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Mass. health officials report first human case of EEE this year / Vo / 0:26 /

6:00pm & 11:00pm DATE: 08-03-20 **DESCRIPTION:**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health on Monday announced the first human case of Eastern equine encephalitis this year. A person from Plymouth County, between 11 and 20 years of age, has contracted the rare but serious disease.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Black, Hispanic Children More Severely Impacted By Covid-19 / PKG /

2:03 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-12-20 **DESCRIPTION:**

COVID-19 research released this week says Black and Hispanic children are more severely impacted by COVID-19, with higher case rates, hospitalizations and virus-related complications. Hispanic children were hospitalized at the highest rate, 16.4 per 100,000 people, followed by Black children at 10.5 per 100,000, the data said. White children were hospitalized at a rate of 2.1 per 100,000.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Vaping Linked To Covid-19 Risk In Teens And Young Adults / Vo / 0:29

/ 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-12-20

DESCRIPTION:

The study, which was published online Aug. 11 in the Journal of Adolescent Health, is the first to examine connections between youth vaping and COVID-19



using U.S. population-based data collected during the pandemic. Among young people who were tested for the virus that causes COVID-19, the research found that those who vaped were five to seven times more likely to be infected than those who did not use e-cigarettes.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Who Urges Public To Postpone Dental Cleanings Amid Covid-19

Pandemic / Vo / 0:27 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-14-20 DESCRIPTION:

The World Health Organization issued new guidance Tuesday advising people to delay routine dental cleanings while the novel coronavirus pandemic continues its spread. Per the guidance, all dental cleanings, oral health check-ups and other preventative care should be postponed until COVID-19 infections decrease because dentists work in close proximity to patients, often for extended periods of time.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: FDA Clears Saliva Test For Covid-19, Opening Door To Wider Testing /

PKG / 0:56 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-17-20 DESCRIPTION:

The Food and Drug Administration on Saturday authorized emergency use of a new and inexpensive saliva test for Covid-19 that could greatly expand testing capacity. The new test, which is called SalivaDirect and was developed by researchers at the Yale School of Public Health, allows saliva samples to be collected in any sterile container

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome A Possible Long-Term Effect Of Covid-19 /

PKG / 1:25 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 08-21-20 DESCRIPTION:

Terri Wilder became dreadfully ill in 2014, falling asleep immediately each day after she got home from work and laying in bed all weekend, recovering just enough to drag herself to work the next week.



After nearly two years, Wilder was diagnosed with a disease called myalgic encephalomyelitis, also called chronic fatigue syndrome, a neuroimmune condition with symptoms including brain fog, severe fatigue, pain, immune aberrations and post-exertional malaise.



ISSUE: PUBLIC SAFETY

ISSUE: Public Safety

TITLE: Murder Investigation/ Vo / 0:26 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-03-20 DESCRIPTION:

Police seeking witnesses in killing of pregnant woman in Connecticut Bridgeport police are asking witnesses to come forward as they continue to investigate the killing of a 22-year-old pregnant woman.

ISSUE: Public Safety

TITLE: Kids & Daycare New Rules/ Vo / 0:33 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-21-20 DESCRIPTION:

Connecticut's new daycare mask mandate goes into effect Monday. All children over the age of 3 years old are required to wear face masks in child care settings.

ISSUE: IMMIGRATION

ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: Appeals Court Overturns Ban on Immigrant Courthouse Arrests / Vo /

0:24 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-02-20 DESCRIPTION:

A federal appeals court on Tuesday overturned a ruling that barred immigration authorities from arresting people suspected of living in the U.S. illegally if they show up at Massachusetts courthouses.

ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: 2,000 Arrested In Five-Week Sweep Targeting Migrants Convicted or

Wanted For Crimes / PKG / 2:00 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-02-20 DESCRIPTION:

An immigration agency said it arrested 2,000-plus individuals in a five-week sweep targeting undocumented migrants charged or convicted of crimes against



other people. The nationwide operation took place between July 13 and Aug. 20. Several arrests took place in the Los Angeles area, ICE officials said in a Tuesday teleconference.

ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: TPS Beneficiaries to retain same Immigration status after traveling

Abroad: USCIS / PKG / 2:00 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-04-20 DESCRIPTION:

A Salvadorean mother who is a TPS recipient was planning on traveling soon with a parole. But, the recent announcement from USCIS regarding the parole for TPS recipients truncated her plans.

ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Ruling Terminating the Legal Status of TPS

holders / PKG / 2:00 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-14-20 DESCRIPTION:

Local activists react to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Ruling Terminating the Legal Status of TPS holders.

ISSUE: Immigration

TITLE: US-Canada, Mexico Border Closures Extended Into Late August as

American Covid-19 Cases Surge / Vo / 0:19 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-17-20 DESCRIPTION:

Travelers looking to cross the land border into Canada or Mexico will have to wait at least another month after the Department of Homeland Security extended closures at both borders amid the coronavirus pandemic.

ISSUE: LOCAL POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

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TITLE: CDC Says States Should Prepare For A Covid-19 Vaccine By Nov. 1 / Vo / 0:29 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm



DATE: 09-03-20 DESCRIPTION:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is telling public health officials around the country to prepare to distribute a coronavirus vaccine as soon as late October.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: Stimulus checks negotiations in Capitol Hill / Pkg / 2:00 / 6:00pm &

11:00pm

DATE: 09-10-20 DESCRIPTION:

The Senate will vote on Thursday to advance a Republican proposal to address the health and economic crises caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: US Outlines Sweeping Plan to Provide Free Covid-19 Vaccines / Pkg /

2:00 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-16-20 DESCRIPTION:

The federal government outlined a sweeping plan Wednesday to make vaccines for COVID-19 available for free to all Americans, even as polls show a strong undercurrent of skepticism rippling across the land.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: Trump's Presidential Campaigns / Pkg / 2:00 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-18-20 DESCRIPTION:

Fact check of President's Trump latest campaign video.

ISSUE: Local Politics and Government

TITLE: National Voter's Registration Day / Pkg / 2:00 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-22-20 DESCRIPTION:

The November election will be unlike any other in the state's history, transformed by the coronavirus pandemic. In Maryland, they replaced the



Neighborhood seals that were used for decades with larger polling stations. However, the number of places to vote in person has decreased. Faced with this, some elected leaders fear that the Latino vote will be at risk.

ISSUE: HEALTHCARE

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TITLE: 'Benadryl Challenge' On Tiktok Is Dangerous, Experts Say / Pkg / 1:39 /

6:00pm & 11:00pm DATE: 09-02-20 DESCRIPTION:

A challenge posted on TikTok known as the "Benadryl challenge" encourages viewers to take large doses of the antihistamine to induce hallucinations. Experts say excessive doses of Benadryl can cause serious health issues, even causing death in some situations.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Labor Day Losers, Foods To Avoid This Holiday / Pkg / 1:22 / 6:00pm &

11:00pm

DATE: 09-04-20 DESCRIPTION:

Labor Day weekend may look a little different during the pandemic, but if your holiday plans include a cookout, you may be tempted to eat junk. By simply swapping out some foods, you can save yourself some calories.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Restaurant Dining Linked To Covid-19 Risk in CDC Study / Vo / 0:33 /

6:00pm & 11:00pm DATE: 09-11-20

DESCRIPTION:

A new study from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reveals positive COVID-19 patients were approximately twice as likely to have reported



dining at a restaurant in the 14 days before becoming ill than those who tested negative.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Parents and Other Caregivers Are More Stressed and In Poorer Health Due

To Pandemic, Report Finds/Pkg / 2:20 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-10-20 DESCRIPTION:

The analysis, entitled "The Impact of Caregiving on Mental and Physical Health," is part of the Blue Cross Blue Shield "Health of America Report" series, which uses insurance data to identify key health care trends.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: CDC Updates, Again, Guidelines on Testing People without Coronavirus

Symptoms / Vo / 0:28 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-18-20 DESCRIPTION:

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website has updated, yet again, guidelines for testing people who do not have symptoms of coronavirus. The new language rolls back controversial changes made to the site last month. It once again stresses that anyone who has been in contact with an infected person should be tested for coronavirus.

ISSUE: Healthcare

TITLE: Pregnant Women with Covid-19 May Be At Higher Risk of Preterm Births and Stillbirths, Study Finds / Vo / 0:32 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-18-20 DESCRIPTION:

Pregnant women who test positive for COVID-19 may be at an increased risk for adverse outcomes like preterm birth and stillbirth, according to research conducted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

ISSUE: Healthcare



TITLE: Covid-19 Measures Could Keep Flu in Check This Year / Vo / 1:23 /

6:00pm & 11:00pm DATE: 09-21-20 DESCRIPTION:

The threat of flu season may be lower this year, because of all the efforts to slow the spread of coronavirus, a new report says.

ISSUE: EDUCATION

ISSUE: Education

TITLE: Covid-19 & Schools Closings/ Vo / :45 / 6:00pm & 11:00pm

DATE: 09-14-20 DESCRIPTION:

A number of schools across Connecticut have closed their buildings or sections of them as COVID-19 cases begin popping up among staff and students. Students at East Hartford, Westbrook and West Haven high schools have all announced they will switch to remote learning until Thursday after students tested

positive for the coronavirus in those buildings.