

WJZ-TV
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Television Licenses LLC, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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CONSUMER WATCH WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm, 7pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. This air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH Relevant projects launched by WJZ and community organizations to benefit area residents...

LOCAL POLITICS

WJZ News

4/5: The statue of slave-owning merchant Captain John O'Donnell comes down months after community leaders and local leaders called on the mayor to step in and have it removed. Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott called this a historical moment.

4/7: A state ethics commission says Baltimore City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby committed no wrongdoing with her work travel and gifts she received.

4/7: Baltimore voters may get the chance to decide the future of the City Police Department. The State Senate passed a bill that would establish an advisory board to transfer control of the department to the city.

4/8: Governor Hogan vetoes a bill aimed at ending life sentences without parole for juveniles.

4/12: Today wraps up the legislative session in Annapolis. The session was dominated by police reform and a series of bills passed last week.

4/13: Governor Hogan signed 66 bills into law today.

4/14: Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford announces he will not run for Governor in 2022.

5/12: Baltimore City Councilman Zeke Cohen was arrested in Washington DC protesting with CASA.

5/18: The Second Gentleman comes to Annapolis to meet with small business owners and to hear how they've been navigating the pandemic. He also toured the Annapolis Maritime Museum along with Maryland Senator Ben Cardin.

5/18: Governor Hogan signs more than 200 bills into law. One making sports betting legal both online and in person at the state's six casinos, M&T Bank Stadium, Camden Yards, and Fed-Ex Field.

5/25: Former Attorney General Doug Gansler announces he's running for Governor.

6/7: Wes Moore announces he is running for Governor. He joins at least nine others who have announced their run for Maryland Governor next year.

6/21: Another democrat enters the already crowded field of hopefuls vying to be Maryland's next governor. Jon Baron, a non-profit executive who also worked on Capitol Hill has officially launched his campaign.

6/23: Today Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott will be one of a small group of leaders to meet with President Biden for a roundtable discussion on violent crime.

EDUCATION

WJZ News

4/2: In-person and hybrid learning will resume Monday for students at The University of Maryland.

4/6: The final group of Baltimore County students choosing to take part in in-person learning return to the classroom.

4/12: John's Hopkins University says it will require all students returning to campus this fall to be fully vaccinated. If you aren't you will need a religious or health exemption.

4/13: The U.S. Naval Academy will hold its graduation and commissioning ceremony in person in Annapolis. A limited number of guests will be invited to attend select events leading up to the big day.

4/14: The University of Maryland announces there will be an in-person graduation ceremony this spring.

4/26: Dozens of families in Harford County are calling on the school district to reconsider changing school boundaries.

4/28: The state board of education commissioned a report outlining several ways to close the education

gap especially when it comes to black boys.

5/7: The University System of Maryland board of regents approves a tuition and fee increase for the upcoming school year.

5/11: Loyola University is requiring all returning students to be fully vaccinated by July 1st for the summer session and by August 1st for the fall semester.

5/19: The Baltimore County school board announces that students can return to school buildings 4 days a week every week starting Monday. Registration is also open for next year's virtual learning program.

5/25: Baltimore City Schools says all students will advance to the next grade in the fall. The district says instead of failing students this year schools will use an alternative grading system.

5/26: The University of Maryland and UMBC are working with the army to create new devices to help cut down on human workload in complex environments.

5/27: The state board of education has picked a new superintendent. Mohamed Choudhury is currently the associate superintendent of strategy, talent and innovation in San Antonio.

6/2: Mental health will be added to the list of valid reasons for students to miss a day of classes in Montgomery County next school year. Many students are feeling anxious or overwhelmed about returning.

6/4: Starting this fall Harford County public schools will offer families the option for entirely virtual classes. WJZ reports on why some parents say it's a better option.

6/8: Due to the heat all Baltimore City schools without air conditioning will be virtual today along with two Baltimore County schools.

6/8: The Carroll County board of education is asking the Governor to rescind the mask requirement for the end of the school year, summer recovery and into the fall.

6/9: In-person high school graduations begin today in Baltimore City. Every guest over the age of two needs a ticket and must wear a mask.

6/22: Maryland schools are working to make up for lost time during the pandemic. According to research from the State Board of Education, virtual learning was a struggle for most. WJZ reports on how the board plans to help schools reopen and recoup.

CONSUMER: HOUSING

WJZ News

4/6: Baltimore City is working to give renters some new options. If passed by the City Council, Act Now Baltimore would allow you to pay in installments or to purchase insurance in lieu of cash.

4/7: The Baltimore City council passes a bill giving people more options when it comes to paying their

security deposit. Instead of paying a lump sum at once you can pay it in installments or get insurance for it.

4/28: Good news for homeowners, the state is extending its ban on foreclosures. The moratorium will now expire June 30th.

5/17: Governor Hogan announces nearly \$193 million in rental assistance funding. The federal money will help people impacted by the pandemic avoid eviction.

5/27: Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh wants to help renters facing eviction. He's released a guide with information about tenant rights and who can help financially or legally.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY

WJZ News

4/5: Baltimore County is getting ready to host its first spring restaurant week. More than 50 participating local restaurants will offer dine-in, takeout or curbside pickup.

4/5: Baltimore County landmark J.S. Edwards is closing its doors. After 38 years the fine men's clothing store in Pikesville is going out of business.

4/28: Maryland may owe tax refunds to some homeowners. Those impacted were shorted on the homeowner's tax credit.

5/6: People are paying more for their electric bills. Maryland comes in as the 9th most expensive on move.org's study.

5/10: Baltimore City restaurant week will kick off on July 23rd. All the menus will range from 10 to 45 dollars.

5/10: Gas prices are skyrocketing and places are running out after hackers target the colonial pipeline that runs through Maryland. WJZ reports on how local leaders are taking action to prevent major impacts here.

5/18: Governor Hogan signs a bill to allow take out cocktails and alcohol delivery to continue for at least the next two years.

5/19: Mayor Brandon Scott announces the city is extending its outdoor dining street enclosure and seating program. That will allow restaurants and bars to continue using sidewalks or streets for table service as long as they have a permit.

6/15: There's help on the way to anyone struggling to pay any overdue utility bills. The Maryland public service commission has set aside 83 million dollars in state money. It's all part of the "relief" act passed by the general assembly earlier this year.

6/16: If you live in Baltimore County expect a higher water bill starting next month. The city board of estimates unanimously approved a 4 percent rate spike last night. This will impact both homes and

businesses.

CONSUMER: JOBS

WJZ News

4/7: Nearly \$3 million from the department of labor will help hundreds of Marylanders who lost their job during the pandemic. The national dislocated worker grant helps provide reemployment and training services in 10 different areas.

5/5: More help is on the way for Baltimore City's struggling restaurants. Mayor Scott says \$2 million in additional grant funding will be issued to caterers, restaurants and taverns.

5/6: More than 6,000 employees at Johns Hopkins University and its Health System will get a pay increase. As of July First the minimum wage for those employees will be 15 dollars an hour.

5/7: In Maryland nearly 12,000 people filed for unemployment in the last week and many haven't seen any money for months. WJZ has their call for action and the message from the Governor.

5/10: The company that created the first FDA authorized rapid at-home Covid test kit is opening its first ever U.S. Based facility in Maryland. The Ellume plant will open in Frederick County creating about 1500 new jobs by the end of next year.

5/18: Under Armour will start paying all hourly employees 15 dollars an hour in June. Currently those employees at the Baltimore company are making 10 dollars an hour.

6/2: There may be help on the way for Marylander's worried about losing the extra \$300 in unemployment. State lawmakers are working to figure out if there's anything they can do to overturn the Governor's decision to opt out of that federal program in July.

6/4: A group of workers held a rally outside the Baltimore City convention center hoping to change Governor Hogan's mind and reverse his decision to end the federal unemployment aid.

6/7: Many are saying they are having trouble filing unemployment claims. WJZ reports on the growing frustration over the Governor's decision to end the extra \$300 in weekly payments.

6/7: Horseshoe Casino says they need to hire at least 100 table game dealers. You don't need any experience and pay is a minimum of \$25 an hour.

ARTS & CULTURE

WJZ News

4/2: The Baltimore Ravens are joining forces with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. The Marching Ravens, BSO, local students, teachers and evens Ravens offensive lineman Tyre Phillips and Poe came together to show the power of music.

4/5: In Howard County all library branches are now open for limited in-person services.

4/6: The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra announces it will return to full capacity this September.

4/14: A musical documentary about Baltimore is coming to Netflix tomorrow. 'Dark City Beneath The Beat' highlights the Baltimore club music and dance culture scene.

4/14: The American Visionary Art Museum is voted Baltimore's best architecture in the Baltimore architecture madness contest.

4/14: A new mural in Annapolis features Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Maryland native Thurgood Marshall. It was painted by seven artists and five children.

4/26: The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra CEO, Peter Kjome, is stepping down when his contract ends in January.

4/26: Flower Mart which is Baltimore's oldest free public festival will kick off on Friday and this year it will be virtual.

5/7: The city's most popular summer festival is canceled. Artscape in-person festivities were canceled last year as well because of the pandemic. It ended up being virtual.

5/11: The Hippodrome Theatre in Baltimore is hoping to have Broadway shows back this fall. The venue hired an engineer to install a \$350,000 air purifying system.

5/18: Baltimore's AFRAM festival is coming back this August. It was canceled last year due to the pandemic. The main festival will take place virtually.

6/16: The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's free summer concert series is back. Concerts begin July 8th at Oregon Ridge Park and will continue weekly at different locations through the end of July.

6/22: Another museum is opening its doors next month. The Baltimore Museum of Industry will welcome guests back on July 3rd.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

4/5: WJZ Anchor Denise Koch does opening remarks for Union Baptist Head Start's week of the young child 50th anniversary.

4/10: WJZ Anchor Nicole Baker was a panel member for the diversity dialogue conference for Georgetown's aspiring minority business leaders and entrepreneurs GAMBLE.

4/14: WJZ Traffic Reporter Kristy Breslin was the emcee for the Harford Family House's Ahoy kickoff event.

In the month of May WJZ aired two PSA's, one for the Brigrance Brigade Foundation championship race and one for Kennedy Krieger's Roar for kid's virtual race.

5/14: WJZ Anchor Denise Koch pre-recorded remarks for the United Way of Central Maryland and its

Homelessness Alert Public Service Announcement.

5/19: WJZ Traffic Reporter Kristy Breslin was the emcee for the Harford Family House's Ahoy banquet.

COMMUNITY

WJZ News

4/1: A Northeast high school junior organized a prom dress drive called the Pasadena princess project and collected more than 300 dresses.

4/2: State leaders are stepping in as post office delays continue to halt people getting their mail in a timely fashion.

4/4: The Baltimore City Farmers' Market and Bazaar returns. Last year it was food only due to the pandemic.

4/5: Many Baltimore City rec centers are now back open in a limited capacity. WJZ has more on the 26 centers that are open to pre-registered residents.

4/6: Amazon is partnering with Baltimore City to help fight food insecurity. They donated \$10,000 to the Duncan Street Miracle Garden to help ensure no family goes hungry.

4/13: Inner Harbor kayak tours are coming back. The fun begins May 2nd and will happen each Sunday through October.

4/26: On Friday all six senior centers in Howard County will reopen again for in-person services. Reservations are required and capacity is limited to 50 percent.

5/5: The 12th annual Baltimore County farmers market will open next month at the state fairgrounds.

5/5: The Downtown Partnership is bringing back the Charles Street Promenade. The Promenade is to bring awareness to the many incredible small businesses along this stretch of Historic Charles Street that have seen their business dwindle during the Covid-19 pandemic.

5/6: Senior centers in Baltimore County will reopen this month after being closed for 14 months due to the pandemic.

5/6: The Baltimore County public library is reopening for limited in-person browsing on May 17th. 17 branches will be open to the public at 30 percent capacity.

5/11: The Baltimore Office of Promotion and Arts cancels the Fourth of July fireworks at the Inner Harbor for a second year in a row due to the pandemic. The city is hopeful there will be a firework's show for New Year's Eve.

5/12: Baltimore city recreation centers and parks can reopen just in time for summer. Memorial Day

weekend 11 outdoor pools will open.

5/17: Baltimore County Libraries reopens at 30 percent indoor capacity today.

5/18: The state song Maryland, My Maryland is repealed. The song is a civil war-era call to arms for confederacy against President Abraham Lincoln.

5/24: There's a new push to bring more internet access to everyone in Howard County. The program is called Transform Howard.

5/24: The Baltimore mayor's office announces a new internship for city students. The six week paid work experience will give teens training and support as well as exposure to the fields needed for success in the tech world.

5/27: Baltimore city is reopening 11 of its pools on Saturday. You do need to pre-register for time slots and can only stay for 90 minutes.

6/2: We're getting an up-close look at one of the biggest urban development projects in the country currently under construction in South Baltimore. Port Covington will be home to apartments, retail stores, offices and the new Under Armour global headquarters.

6/2: The Baltimore County farmers market is back and open every Wednesday at the state fairgrounds from 10am-1pm. The market will run through the end of October.

6/8: Baltimore City recreation and parks is bringing back the charm city games. It's an Olympic style sports tournament for children 12 to 14 years old.

HEALTH

WJZ News

4/1-4/30: For the entire month of April, WJZ reported on the Coronavirus pandemic in Maryland every day. Coverage included running an informational crawl in all of our newscasts with the daily update on the number of cases, hospitalizations, deaths, the positivity rate and how many people have tested negative.

4/1: A stunning new report from the New York Times says human error may have spoiled 15 million doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine being made at a Baltimore facility.

4/2: Governor Hogan announces the expansion of pre-registration for the Covid vaccine. Now every Marylander 16 and older can pre-register and will be given an appointment when their turn comes.

4/2: The mass vaccination site at M&T Bank Stadium is now offering direct scheduling for those eligible for the Covid vaccine.

4/3: The Biden administration is putting Johnson and Johnson in charge of Emergent Bio-Solutions facility in Baltimore after the plant ruined 15 million Covid vaccines.

4/6: Starting today everyone 16 and older can sign up to get the Covid vaccine at mass vaccination sites. That's three weeks earlier than originally planned.

4/7: Baltimore County is expanding its emergency crisis response programs to help those experiencing a behavioral health crises.

4/7: Vaccine access is expanding at one local mass vaccination site. Starting Friday you'll be able to walk up to M&T Bank Stadium and get a shot with no appointment.

4/13: Maryland pauses the use of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine over concerns about blood clots.
4/15: The mass vaccination site at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis opens today.
4/26: Baltimore City is teaming up with Johns Hopkins to help places of worship welcome back more people.

4/28: Governor Hogan lifts the state's outdoor mask mandate and is lifting restrictions on outdoor dining.

5/1-5/31: For the entire month of May, WJZ reported on the Coronavirus pandemic in Maryland every day. Coverage included running an informational crawl in all of our newscasts with the daily update on the number of cases, hospitalizations, deaths, the positivity rate and how many people have tested negative.

5/3: Governor Hogan announces a major incentive for state workers in order to get more people vaccinated. State employees will get \$100 for getting their shot.

5/6: Maryland reaches a vaccine milestone with over 5 million people having gotten at least one dose.

5/6: Johns Hopkins is joining the fight to help India as a Covid surge spreads across the country. A task force has been created to provide critical PPE supplies, oxygen equipment, and testing kits to their partners on the ground in India.

5/7: Starting next week students in Baltimore County over the age of 16 will be able to get their Covid shot. Vaccines will also be available for student's family members and interested school staff at select schools.

5/11: Officials in Anne Arundel County are ready to start vaccinating kids as soon as Thursday. Parents of young teens can sign up for appointments as soon as the CDC approves the vaccine for kids that are 12 to 15.

5/11: Governor Hogan announces he is lifting all Covid-19 capacity restrictions this Saturday. The indoor mask mandate will remain.

5/11: Baltimore City announces it will lift many capacity restrictions starting on Monday. There will be some exceptions including events at convention and banquet facilities, indoor venues like movie theaters, and outdoor venues will be limited to 50 percent capacity.

5/12: Starting today kids as young as 12 can now get the Covid-19 vaccine in Maryland.

5/14: Following the CDC guidelines Governor Hogan announces fully vaccinated people can ditch the mask indoors. Local cities and counties will have the final say on what happens in their area.

5/24: Today the state's vaccine lottery begins. Every day for 40 days \$40,000 will be given out to those who have gotten at least one shot of the vaccine at a state run site. On July 4th a grand prize winner will get \$400,000.

5/26: Protesters are in Annapolis rallying against The University System of Maryland's requirement that all students, faculty and staff be vaccinated before returning to campus this fall.

5/27: Today Governor Hogan is kicking off the Go Vax summer tour of mobile vaccination clinics. Today and tomorrow it's stopping at three bars across the state.

6/1-6/30: For the entire month of June, WJZ reported on the Coronavirus pandemic in Maryland every day. Coverage included running an informational crawl in all of our newscasts with the daily update on the number of cases, hospitalizations, deaths, the positivity rate and how many people have tested negative.

6/4: Baltimore City has now held 200 mobile vaccination clinics. Mayor Scott says more than 55

percent of the city's adult population has gotten at least one dose of the vaccine.

6/14: The vaccine made by Gaithersburg-based Novavax shows promise in late-stage clinical trials. The company says its shot is more than 90 percent effective against the original Covid strain and several of its variants.

6/15: Governor Hogan is ending Maryland's state of emergency. Starting July first masks will no longer be required in any setting, including schools, camps and childcare facilities. Businesses and other workplaces can still require them.

6/21: As statewide vaccination efforts are continuing in hopes of reaching everyone, hours of mass vaccinations sites are changing this week.