

WJZ-TV
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QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT
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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.

PROGRAM INDEX

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

1/5: Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott has gone viral after an exchange with a local activist during his press conference.

1/6: Governor Hogan shares the dramatic moment he found out about the Capitol Riots. WJZ's Ava-joye Burnett has what Maryland lawmakers who work on Capitol Hill are saying about the riots.

1/18: Senate president Mike Miller will lie in state in the rotunda of the state house in Annapolis. Miller retired last month after more than four decades of service in Maryland. He passed away from prostate cancer.

1/21: Governor Hogan is demanding school reopen for at least some in-person learning in less than two months. WJZ has what parents, students and teachers are saying about it.

3/18: Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott gives his first state of the city address focusing on the accomplishments of his first 100 days in office.

3/23: Baltimore City Council President Nick Mosby and his wife City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby are at the center of a federal criminal investigation.

EDUCATION

WJZ News

1/5: Carroll County schools are going back to a hybrid model this week. Starting Thursday they will have the option to return to school 2 days a week.

1/5: Some Cecil County students will return to the classroom on Monday. About 5 percent of kids will get face to face learning 4 days a week.

1/8: John's Hopkins University is shifting into phase two of its reopening plan for the spring semester. That means more programs can start limited in-person learning and limited residential housing.

2/5: Baltimore County public schools say everything is back up and running smoothly after a number of school websites went down this morning.

2/15: Towson University plans to return to all in-person learning in the fall.

2/24: As Baltimore City schools gets ready to welcome more students back into the classroom the district is now ramping up Covid testing for both students and teachers. WJZ has this latest back and forth.

3/15: More Baltimore City school students are back in the classroom. This morning schools welcomed grades 3 through 5 as well as ninth graders.

3/15: There will be an in-person graduation ceremony this spring for Towson University students.

3/30: New CDC guidelines shorten social distancing guidelines for students in classrooms to now stay 3 feet apart instead of 6. Anne Arundel County school board officials met to discuss the announcement.

CONSUMER: HOUSING

WJZ News

2/23: Baltimore County is taking another step to make sure people don't lose their homes. The step program is a new partnership between the county and United Way of Central Maryland. Four million dollars will go toward preventing evictions for nearly 1,000 households.

3/30: The state department of labor is extending its moratorium on new residential foreclosures until May.

3/31: There's a new program in Baltimore City hoping to help the homeless return to a life off the streets. It's called the rapid re-housing program.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY

WJZ News

1/1: Anne Arundel County has been in the spotlight in the battle over Covid restrictions. After a win for restaurant owners another batch of business owners are suing to limit the county executive's power.

1/1: Maryland's minimum wage is now \$11.75. That's an extra 75 cents an hour for people who work for companies with 15 or more employees.

1/11: Governor Hogan unveils a new billion dollar relief plan to help struggling families and businesses. Millions of Marylanders will get some extra stimulus money.

1/11: Instead of Baltimore restaurant week the organizers are hosting rally around restaurants.

1/11: Barstool sports is once again helping restaurants. Abbey Burger Bistro is the fourth city restaurant to get some money from their fund.

1/14: A set-back for city restaurants. A judge denied the Restaurant Association of Maryland's lawsuit to overturn Mayor Brandon Scott's ban on in-person dining in Baltimore.

1/21: Howard County kicks off restaurant week. People can enjoy deals for in-person dining or curbside to go at more than 32 restaurants and breweries.

1/22: Today restrictions loosen for the first time in 6 weeks in Baltimore City for restaurants, bars and more.

1/28: Governor Hogan announces that starting next week restaurants can stay open past 10pm.

2/4: The Anne Arundel County school district comes out with its plan to bring students back into the classroom starting with elementary school returning on March first.

2/17: Howard County is easing Covid restrictions due to better health metrics.

2/22: When Covid slammed into our lives last March, everything changed. Life went virtual and the isolation of pandemic learning hit our kids extremely hard. WJZ drops in on a class where the mental health of students is the biggest assignment.

2/24: Some Baltimore businesses are now accepting bitcoin like the Dryland Salon in Canton.

3/25: As more people get their vaccines it seems like they're more willing to travel. BWI airport is predicting some of its busiest days since the pandemic started. WJZ with the latest from airport officials and how travelers are feeling.

3/26: Covid restrictions are eased in Baltimore City. Indoor dining can now go to 50 percent and outdoor 75.

CONSUMER: JOBS

WJZ News

1/1-1/31: For the month of January WJZ reported on unemployment numbers for the state of Maryland.

1/13: Baltimore County employees say problems with the mail have their paychecks delayed by two weeks.

2/1-2/28: For the month of February WJZ reported on unemployment numbers for the state of Maryland.

2/17: Many Baltimore city employees haven't gotten a regular paycheck. The payroll problems are all caused by a new system.

3/1-3/30: For the month of March WJZ reported on unemployment numbers for the state of Maryland.

ARTS & CULTURE

WJZ News

1/11: It's five stars for the Howard County library system. The "library journal" has awarded the system a perfect review in 2020 for delivering excellence in public education for all ages.

2/2: One year later the Hippodrome downtown announces it will return in September of 2021.

2/4: This year's flower mart will be virtual. The event will run from April 30th to May 1st.

3/26: The Baltimore Museum of Art is reopening on Sunday. It will also debut three new exhibits.

Public Affairs Outreach

1/30: WJZ Traffic Reporter Kristy Breslin virtually introduces Baltimore Women's Classic.

2/15: WJZ Reporter Ava-joye Burnett is the virtual guest speaker for Upward Bound Catonsville College Of Baltimore County Career Day.

2/16: WJZ Traffic Reporter Kristy Breslin is the virtual moderator for Rally Against Parkinsons.

2/27: WJZ Anchor Denise Koch is virtual emcee and panel moderator for Juvenile Diabetes JDRF T1D Champions Virtual Gala.

2/27: WJZ Black History Oratory Competition TV Special and PSA's included anchors and reporters Vic Carter, Denise Koch, Nicole Baker, Rick Ritter, Tim Williams, Max McGee, Ava-joe Burnett, Linh Bui.

2/27: WJZ Anchor/Reporter Max McGee took part in the Maryland School for the Blind braille challenge award ceremony.

3/6: WJZ Traffic Reporter Kristy Breslin was emcee for Brandon Tolson Foundation.

3/13: WJZ Traffic Reporter Kristy Breslin was the virtual emcee for Harford Family House off the streets camp-out.

3/22: WJZ Reporter Ava-joye Burnett was the virtual guest speaker and panel moderator for Phi Beta Sigma Women's in history month celebration.

3/23: WJZ Anchor Nicole Baker was a virtual moderator for Summer Search a Racial Reckoning.

3/30: WJZ Anchor Denise Koch was the virtual emcee for Notre Dame of Maryland University WLIB Sheela Murthy event.

COMMUNITY

WJZ News

1/1-1/31: WJZ followed the Ravens run in the post season with extra sports shows.

1/4: The holiday season meant a fresh batch of toilet paper and hand sanitizer donations to the Maryland food bank and Johns Hopkins Hospital all thanks to Giant food.

1/4: The Harbor Point Ice Festival is going virtual this year. You can watch award winning ice sculptors and vote for your favorite.

1/6: The Ravens kick off a two day drive-thru pep rally at M&T Bank Stadium getting fans pumped for the weekend game.

1/6: The puppy bowl will go on as planned this year. 70 puppies will be featured including four from Maryland.

1/12: The Maryland Zoo is adding some new experiences like a goat trek and penguin feeding.

1/12: Curbside recycling collections will resume next Tuesday in Baltimore City after nearly 6 months.

1/14: Two people in Maryland won 50,000 in the Powerball drawing.

1/18: The national aquarium is back open after being forced to close over the weekend because of an issue with social distancing practices.

1/21: A person in western Maryland has the winning Powerball ticket worth \$731 million.

2/10: A local non-profit is working to remove abandoned buildings and replace them with green space.

3/2: The Anne Arundel County library is not only making all system materials fine free it's also waiving more than \$360,000 in fines from more than 28,000 readers.

3/5: The Maryland Zoo has a new live camera at the African watering hole where you can see zebras and ostriches.

3/8: The Pratt Libraries 21 locations are now open at 25 percent capacity after being closed for nearly a year.

3/23: the 146th Preakness will be run this May and some lucky fans will be able to attend the action in-person at Pimlico.

HEALTH

WJZ News

1/1-1/31: For the entire month of January, 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.

1/1: More than seven thousand more Marylanders were vaccinated in the past 24 hours. Maryland remains in its first vaccination phase, targeting front line health care workers, employees and residents of long term care facilities and others.

1/5: Baltimore County unveils an online portal where health care workers can sign up to find out when they'll be able to get their shot.

1/6: State officials are encouraging Marylanders to opt in to the MD ready text message program that allows you to receive updates, tips and alerts about Covid 19.

1/13: Governor Hogan will have minor surgery to remove a form of skin cancer.

1/14: Starting Monday those 75 and older, teachers, and others can start getting the vaccine.

2/1-2/28: For the entire month of February, 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.

2/3: Johns Hopkins is suspending in-person classes today and tomorrow on the Homewood campus after 30 students test positive for covid-19.

2/4: Six Flags in Prince George's County is being transformed into a mass vaccination site.

2/23: WJZ takes you inside the transformation of M&T Bank Stadium to the biggest mass vaccination site in the state.

2/23: It's about to get easier to register to get your vaccine. In March there will be an online statewide system where people can pre-register for appointments at mass vaccination sites.

2/24: The FDA says the new vaccine from Johnson and Johnson that's being made here in Baltimore is safe and effective.

2/26: Baltimore County's third mass vaccination site is now open. It's at the Essex campus of the Community College of Baltimore County.

3/1-3/31: For the entire month of March, 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.

3/1: The Naval Academy is moving nearly 100 midshipmen to a nearby hotel to promote social distancing.

3/30: As Maryland sees a spike in Coronavirus cases WJZ explains the urgent warning from local health officials and a new initiative to stop the spread.