

WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – 2ND Quarter July 10, 2020

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 2's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

Programs

CBS 2 News This Morning, CBS 2 News at Noon, CBS 2 News at 5:00, CBS 2 News at 6:00, CBS 2 News at 11:00, CBS 2 News Saturday, CBS 2 News Sunday - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.

CBSN New York, 24/7 direct-to-consumer services that stream anchored news coverage and live breaking news events.

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements- WCBS-TV continues its tradition of airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations that include topics such as, PRIDE Month and Sisters for the Cure.

Health: Topics in this category include mainly COVID-19 outbreak and possible cases in New York City

CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM: 4/24 CBS 2's Dr. Max Gomez reports on hydroxychloroquine. Reported results from the varying trials and uses have ranged from "it's a lifesaver" to "it's a dangerous drug". Now the FDA has weighed in with a strongly worded statement saying that there is no proof that hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine can help coronavirus patients and that they should only be used in clinical trials or hospitals where patients can be closely monitored for heart problems. Both the chloroquines and azithromycin can disrupt the heart rhythm and have led to death in some cases. 5/26 CBS2's Kristine Johnson reports that health officials have reported nearly two dozen new cases of the potential COVID-19-related disease impacting children across the country and is advising parents to be on the lookout for symptoms of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). Symptoms include fever, diarrhea, vomiting, rash, red or pink eyes, red cracked lips or red tongue that looks like a strawberry, swollen hands and feet that may also be red, sluggishness or irritability, abdominal pain, and an enlarged lymph node on one side of the neck.

Government and Politics: Topics in this category include: COVID-19, holding looters on bail, and illegal fireworks.

CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM: 5/25 CBS2's Marcia Kramer tells us that Governor Cuomo says New York will pay death benefits for essential government workers killed by COVID-19. He says that he will make sure every government in the state provides death benefits to those public heroes who died from COVID-19 during this emergency. 6/3 CBS2's Marcia Kramer reports that amid violence in New York City, the Manhattan District Attorney asks Gov. Cuomo to use emergency powers to enable judges to hold looters on bail. The Manhattan DA says the result has been looters getting right back on the street right after they've been arrested. Court officials say approximately 550 people have been arrested citywide on looting charges. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM** 4/23 CBS2's Ali Bauman reports that MTA Subway conductors are saying that trains are filthier than ever amid Coronavirus pandemic. The MTA says only about 5% of its regular ridership is taking the subway during this pandemic, and that's made up of people who work in hospitals, grocery stores and every other essential service. But conductors say the subway has become a homeless shelter and social distancing is nearly impossible. 6/22 Dick Brennan reports on illegal fireworks across New York City. There has been a dramatic spike in illegal fireworks. The number of 911 calls is 10 times higher than last year. According to the NYPD, 911 calls for illegal fireworks are up more than 10 times the amount from the same period last year. More than 13,000 to be exact. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY MORNING:** Cindy Hsu reports that Gov. Andrew Cuomo Saturday signed a bill giving death benefits to the families of essential government workers who died during the coronavirus pandemic.

Education: Topics in this category include: Pre-coronavirus grading policy, a march for education funding, and in-person special education classes.

CBS 2 AT 5:00 PM: 5/11 CBS2's Hazel Sanchez reports tells us about 7th Grader Jude Listanowsky, who started a petition to get the NYC Department Of Education to restore the Pre-Coronavirus Grading Policy. Now, hundreds have signed the petition to save their grades. In an effort to lessen the stress on students adjusting to remote learning, the DOE transitioned to a binary non-number system for K through 8 for students' final grades. Students will be assessed as "meets standards" or "needs improvement." Middle schools and high schools normally use final grades, state tests, and attendance when considering a students admission. With state tests already cancelled and attendance waived, many high-achieving fourth and seventh graders are worried schools will no longer recognize their hard work in the classroom with the new grading policy. 6/29 CBS2's Marcia Kramer tells us that Mayor Bill de Blasio and the City Council are posed to strike a budget deal that includes deep cuts to the NYPD, a healthy chunk from the Department of Education, and trims spending across the board. The Department of Education's nearly \$30 billion budget was in for an \$800 million cut. Sources tell CBS2 that the DOE cuts will come from various departments within the agency, like professional development, but at this time there are no planned teacher layoffs. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY MORNING:** 6/6 CBS2's Cindy Hsu tells us that Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed an executive order allowing in-person special education classes to resume this summer. Schools must follow all coronavirus guidelines. Other education programs are not expected to open until their regions meet the criteria for Phase Four of the reopening plan. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY AT 6PM:** 6/20 Reporter Christina Fan tells us that students march to Gracie Mansion to push for education funding. Students are demanding the city move money from the NYPD to public schools and provide more resources for the arts, a culturally responsive curriculum and restorative justice.

Consumer: Topics in this category include: children's cough medicine

CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00PM: 6/19 CBS2's Dick Brennan tells us that two popular cough medicines for children are being voluntarily recalled. The maker of "Children's Robitussin Honey Cough and Chest Congestion DM" and "Children's Dimetapp Cold and Cough," issued the recall due to potential overdose risks. Pharmaceutical company Glaxosmithkline Consumer Healthcare said the wrong size dosing cups were put in the packages, meaning parents could unknowingly pour too much medicine into the cup. The recall includes medicine sold nationwide between February and the beginning of June.

Crime: Topics in this category include: assault on an elderly woman and crime rate increase.

CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM: 6/16 CBS2's Jenna DeAngelis reports that the NYPD has a suspect in custody, caught on camera assaulting an elderly woman in Gramercy Park. The disturbing assault was caught on surveillance video. A 92-year-old woman was walking on Third Avenue when for no apparent reason a man pushes her. She hits her head on a fire hydrant on her way to the ground. The man takes nothing, watching her struggle as he walks away. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM** 6/22 CBS2's Marcia Kramer tells us that statistics show a 342 percent increase in shootings last week; 53 compared to 12 in 2019. They also show a 414 percent jump in the number of people shot; 74 compared to 14 in 2019. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 6/15 CBS2's Ali Bauman reports a cultural shift and an extension of ending to stop and frisk. The NYPD said it will be reassigning plainclothes anti-crime officers. Every precinct in the city has had dedicated undercover anti-crime officers who patrol in unmarked vehicles with specific assignments related to crime spikes. Commissioner Dermont Shea said due to the nature of their work, undercover officers in those units tend to be involved in more police-involved shootings. Effective immediately, those 600 undercover officers citywide in the Anti-Crime Unit will be reassigned to other divisions, and will no longer be working anti-crime patrols. There will still be undercover officers working in narcotics, surveillance, anti-terrorism, and transit units, the NYPD said. 6/20 CBS2's Cory James tells us that the NYPD is investigating more than a dozen shootings that took place across New York City in just 24 hours. At least 19 people were injured. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY AT 6:00 PM** 6/14 CBS2's Cory James tells us about an outraged woman that was purposely coughed on inside a New York City bagel shop and how fearful she is that she may catch coronavirus due to the incident. The woman was inside New York City Bagel Coffee House in Astoria when a customer walks right over to her while waiting in line and coughs in her face. The customer did not have on a mask. As the woman waits for police to investigate the case, she is doing a voluntary quarantine until her COVID-19 test results come in, and that she says is impacting her parents who are in their 70s.