

## **WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – 2<sup>ND</sup> Quarter July 10, 2021**

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, AAPI Month, Pride Month.

**Health:** Topics in this category include mainly COVID-19 vaccinations.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM** 5/18 CBS2's Alice Gainer reports that Andrew Palazzo alleges 16,000 Pfizer doses could have been over diluted and administered at Korean Community Services' vaccination site in Bayside, Queens. Palazzo alleges while he worked at the KCS site, CEO Scott Orlanski told him, "to utilize between 1.9mL and 2.0mL of dilutant per vial to obtain at least seven doses per vial," of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. According to the CDC guidelines, 1.8mL is to be used. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM** 4/14 CBS2's Jessica Layton tells us that Tri-State area officials suspended Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccinations, following new federal guidance. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a joint statement earlier saying they are investigating six cases of potentially dangerous blood clots. The agency recommended a "pause" while they review the data and evaluate the next steps. 6/16 CBS2's Jessica Layton tells us that New York Governor Andrew Cuomo relaxed the statewide COVID restrictions, calling it "a momentous day." The announcement came as a result of more than 70% of adults receiving at least one dose of the vaccine, reminding us the state that once had the highest rate of infection now has the lowest in the country.

**Government and Politics:** Topics in this category include: Policing in New York City and holding accountability and gun rights.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM** 4/26 CBS2's Dick Brennan tells us that the Supreme Court agreed on Monday to hear an appeal to expand gun rights in the United States in a New York case over the right to carry a firearm in public for self-defense. A decision by the court could expand the scope of the Second Amendment. The justices said Monday they will review a lower-court ruling that upheld New York's restrictive gun permit law. New York is among eight states that limit who has the right to carry a weapon in public. 5/19 CBS2'S Marcia Kramer reports that with Governor Andrew Cuomo facing multiple investigations, some lawmakers and good government groups are raising questions about the teams of lawyers hired to defend him. Specifically, should taxpayers have to foot the bill? Details about exactly what Cuomo's team of legal eagles are being paid were hard to come by. 5/21 CBS2's Dick Brennan tells us that the New York State Attorney General wants sweeping new legislation to try to hold police more accountable. The legislation seeks to change New York's law that justifies police use of force. Police say the law will put officers' lives at risk. The law would require officers to first try to de-escalate a situation, but Attorney General Letitia James says this would not apply to officers who are making split-second decision.

**Education:** Topics in this category include: removing holidays from school calendars, changes to the high school admissions process, and hiring more social workers.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 4/28 CBS2's Aundrea Cline-Thomas reports that New York City schools are hiring hundreds of social workers and psychologists to help students process the trauma caused by the pandemic. The Department of Education is hiring more than 600 social workers, psychologists and family support workers, giving every school access to additional resources. The DOE will also provide training to teachers and staff on how to recognize trauma and other issues students may be dealing with. It's all being made possible because of an increase in funding from the federal government. 5/21 Kristine Johnson tells us that due to the pandemic, New York City public schools changed parts of their high school admission process. The Department of Education says some of those changes have had a positive impact. According to the DOE, the removal of geographic priorities directly resulted in increased choices for more high school students. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM** 5/24 CBS2's Hazel Sanchez reports that New York City's public schools will return to 100% in-person learning in the fall. There won't be a remote learning option available and that has some parents and teachers concerned. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY AT 11:00 PM** 6/12 Jessica Moore tells us that the Randolph Township Board of Education unanimously voted to remove the names of all holidays from the school calendar and call them "days off". This comes after the district had previously changed Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day. The board says they made the decision to be "inclusive and equitable" after getting feedback from the community. Some people are upset that the public had no say in the decision.

**Consumer:** Topics in this category include: credit reports, smoke detector recalls, and chocolate recalls.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 5/7 Kristine Johnson reports that more than 200,000 Kidde smoke detectors are now under recall because they don't alert customers to fires. The TruSense smoke alarms and combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarm were sold between May of 2019 and last September. 5/7 Kristine Johnson tells us that Hershey's is launching a voluntary recall of its chocolate shell topping. The company says bottles in one lot were incorrectly filled with Heath shell topping, which is made with almonds. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00PM:** 6/11 CBS2's Kristine Johnson reports that a Consumer Reports survey of nearly 6,000 people found more than a third, 34%, had at least one error on their credit report. Twenty-nine percent of those surveyed found errors with their personal information, such as a wrong name or address.

**Crime:** Topics in this category include: anti-Asian hate crimes and random attacks, vandalism, and mass shooting.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 6/11 CBS2's Chris Wragge tells us that police are trying to identify a suspect in yet another random attack on a person of Asian descent in Manhattan. It happened on May 22<sup>nd</sup> near Broadway and 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Police say the suspect approached a 48-year-old Asian man and punched him in the head. He then allegedly made anti-Asian statements before taking off. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 5/24 Dick Brennan reports that two people were killed and a dozen others were wounded in a mass shooting at a New Jersey house party. Gun fire seemed to come from out of nowhere during a birthday party at a home in Fairfield Township. Witnesses said they heard some 30 shots as partygoers were panicking, trying to escape the hail of bullets. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM** 4/15 Maurice DuBois tells us that the NYPD has arrested a man accused of harassing a woman in Manhattan and making anti-Asian remarks. Police say 31-year-old Daniel Negroni, of the Bronx, targeted a 25-year-old woman in Sutton Place. The woman told police the suspect approached her and made hateful comments. He then allegedly tried to hit her before running away. Negroni has been charged with aggravated harassment as a hate crime. 6/10 CBS2's Hazel Sanchez tells us that 16-year-old Darwin Durazno was riding his bike after getting a haircut in College Point, Queens, when he was struck and killed by a hit and run driver. Around 9:30 Friday night, surveillance video shows Durazno and a friend riding bikes southbound on College Point Avenue. A blue Toyota Camry traveling northbound, trying to pass another vehicle, swerved across double yellow lines into Durazno's lane. The car hit Durazno head on, and took off. He suffered fatal head injuries and his bike split in two. Police later found the vehicle abandoned about a block away. The Camry was a rental and they are still looking for the driver. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM** 5/24 Jessica Moore tells us that a Brooklyn man is facing hate crime charges after he allegedly destroyed a crucifix and burned an American flag at a church and later set fire to a yeshiva and synagogue. Ali Alaheri, 29, was charged with criminal mischief as a hate crime. Police said Alaheri knocked down and destroyed a large crucifix statue outside St. Athanasius Church in Bensonhurst. Alaheri is also accused of burning an American flag outside the rectory. 5/27 CBS2's Ali Bauman tells us that the NYPD is trying to identify a man seen on video punching a 75-year-old Asian woman in Queens. Surveillance video shows the suspect randomly sucker punch the woman. She falls against the wall and to the ground as the suspect takes off running. 6/2 CBS2's Christina Fan reports that police have arrested a homeless man after another violent attack on an Asian woman in the city. The incident, which happened on a crowded sidewalk, was caught on camera. A 55-year-old Asian woman was brutally punched and knocked out cold. Video shows that as she lay motionless on the sidewalk, the suspect can be heard screaming that someone hit him. But witnesses and surveillance show that was anything but the truth. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY NIGHT AT 11:00 P.M.** 4/25 CBS2's Lisa Rozner reports that four synagogues in the Bronx were targeted in a recent vandalism spree and the acts of hate were

captured on video. Surveillance video from Saturday night shows the suspect hurl rocks several times at the windows of Young Israel of Riverdale. He is then seen kicking in one window to make sure it shatters to pieces. It's the same way police say he targeted three other synagogues the same night, including the conservative synagogue Aath Israel and the Chabad of Riverdale, where he also allegedly vandalized vehicles. 5/16 CBS2's Kiran Dhillon reports that three teenagers were charged in a series of violent attacks on subway riders and police said Saturday they're looking for another suspect. NYPD released new surveillance video of a suspect whom police believe served as a lookout while the others carried out a series of unprovoked slashings that left subway riders terrified Friday morning. Police took four teens into custody but police sources told CBS2 one was released after questioning and not charged.