

RADIO VERMONT GROUP

**QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS**

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## **Programs & Issues List**

### **The Radio Vermont Group**

2nd Quarter 2021

**April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30th**

Following is a list of major topic areas to be addressed in our news and public affairs coverage. Different items may be substituted depending upon current news events unforeseen at the outset of this quarter.

Examples of specific stories are given to help you identify if the topic fits the issue category.

Issue 1:       **COVID Shutdown – Economic Impacts**

Issue 2:       **State COVID Vaccination Efforts**

Issue 3:       **Fed Money Spending**

Issue 4:       **Non-Citizen Voting**

Issue 5:       **School COVID Issues**



## WDEV-FM and AM

### **Programs and Issues – 2021**

The Programs and Issues in this file are “representative” of our news and public affairs efforts – but do not fully demonstrate the breath of our reporting and our commitment to “live” local and relevant radio. Below is a summary of some of our major regularly scheduled broadcast efforts.

#### **Monday-Friday:**

Radio VT News provides extended coverage of local, state and regional news:  
6:05am – 7:05am – 8:05am – 12:05pm – 4:05pm – 5:05pm  
Each Newscasts is 5 to 10-minutes in length and features a variety of reports.

At 7:30AM Mon-Fri – The Morning Briefing: 10-mins of World & National News

**The Morning News Service airs from 7-9am** – two full hours of news, weather, sports, travel updates, commentary, interviews, plus studio and phone guests. WDEV employs our own forecaster Roger Hill who details the micro-climate of the region while watching major national weather stories and climate change. The MNS is produced by Radio Vermont News with additional world and national updates from CBS Radio News.

Radio Vermont News has developed reporter relations with WCAX-TV Channel 3 News. Monday-Friday reporter Alexandra Montgomery joins the Morning News Service with a “live” interactive update to explore stories in much greater depth than available from wire service reports.

In our “Conversation with the Editor” series, we discuss major stories from some of Vermont’s most respected weekly newspapers:

Monday: The News & Citizen (Morrisville) – Tommy Gardner, Reporter  
Tuesday: The Addison Independent (Middlebury) - John Flowers, Reporter  
Wednesday: The Valley Reporter (Waitisfield) – Lisa Loomis, Reporter  
Thursday: The Gazette (Hardwick) – Ray Small, Publisher & Editor  
Friday: The Herald (Randolph) – Tim Calabro, Publisher

#### **Vermont Viewpoint: 9-11am**

This is our newsmaker public affairs interview program. Rick Cengeri, host a show that provides detailed analysis of the news plus a Vermont perspective on world events. His guests are varied and represent a wide spectrum. During the legislative session, Ric originates his program direct from the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier (Fridays and during special event days). His program also goes mobile for events such as the Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO, the Tunbridge World’s Fair and other gatherings.



**The Midday News Service: Noon-1PM**

An hour-long update of the very latest news, business report, sports, weather and a variety of human interest features. This is the most comprehensive lunchtime news hour of any Vermont radio station. With the “Special Assignment” section, Radio VT News often delivers lengthy segments of news conferences or legislative debate. We are committed to providing our listeners with more than a “sound bite” service.

**The Afternoon News Service: 4-5:30PM**

The very latest news developments, sports and weather, perfect for the drive home. Special updated reports on the day’s breaking news stories with Calvin Cutler from WCAX-TV News around 4:05PM and at 5:05PM, VT Digger.org reports – the state’s leading on-line investigative news site.

Waterbury Roundabout (Monday) – Lisa Scagliotti, Editor

Seven Days (Tuesday) – Courtney Lamdin, Reporter

Vermont Business Magazine (Wednesday)—Tim McQuiston, Editor

Stowe Reporter (Thursday) – Tom Gardner, Reporter

Times-Argus (Friday) – Steve Pappas, Editor

**Re-Broadcast of WCAX-TV News: 11-11:30pm**

Since the conversion to all digital over-the-air TV broadcasts, many in our listening area told us that they missed WCAX news – no longer available to them “over the air.”

Through special retransmission agreement with WCAX News, WDEV re-broadcasts the 11pm report as a service to the public. (This is occasionally pre-empted by late-airing sporting events such as when the Red Sox play on the West Coast.)

**Saturday Morning:**

Similar to weekdays, WDEV is “live and local” with updated news reports including the Morning News Service from 7-8am. This hour also features “For the Birds” a program dedicated to watching and listening to birds; “The Green Mountain Club” report – with opportunities to explore VT outdoors and take advantage of guided and organized hikes around the state.

**Sunday Morning:**

At 6:00AM, WDEV airs CBS Radio Sunday Morning, and “The Takeout with Major Garrett”, a weekly news magazine show. National and International issues are explored in-depth with a variety of reporters and guests.

WDEV airs Red Sox Baseball, Norwich D3 Hockey, NASCAR racing, local stock car racing and high school basketball (boys & girls) regular-season and championship games. WDEV provide “Team Coverage” of every Town Meeting Day (March) plus coverage of Primary and General Election nights.





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Radio Vermont › Tuesday ANS - 6/29/2021 › B11 Statehouse Re-Opening

### Versions

1. 6/29/2021 2:28:53 PM - Lee Kittell - TRT 00:00:32

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The Vermont Statehouse will reopen to the public next week, marking a return to normal operations after the 15-month Covid-19 shutdown.

Janet Miller, the Statehouse sergeant-at-arms, briefed legislative leaders Monday about her plans to allow the public to tour the building beginning July 6. The Statehouse will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on weekdays. Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be added as of July 17.

Signs near the entrance will ask that, if people are not vaccinated against the coronavirus, they wear masks while in the Statehouse.

The Vermont Legislature has been working via Zoom since March 2020.

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*John Cassel*

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### Versions

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Vermont businesses are still struggling to attract employees, and some feel it's because the Federal Government is providing too much money to unemployed citizens.

But the program providing that extra financial boost is ending soon in Vermont.

Tim McQuistan of Vermont Business Magazine has more.

062921SOT Tim McQuistan2 - paychecks will end Sept. 6th

More on this story at Vermont biz dot com.

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### Versions

1. 6/30/2021 6:16:49 PM - Lee Kittell - TRT 00:00:15

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Some Vermont businesses are requiring employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and people are wondering the same thing:

Is that even legal?

Anne Allen of Seven Days has more.

063021SOT Anne Allen1 - many businesses requiring vaccines

More on this story at Seven Days VT dot org.

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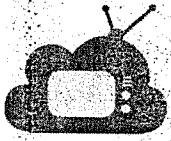
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3. 6/30/2021 6:14:31 PM - Lee Kittell - TRT 00:00:31

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The State and Vermont Legal Aid reached an agreement Wednesday to give people who are facing a loss of emergency hotel rooms 14 days to display they can remain eligible for emergency housing

The agreement came a day after Legal Aid sued the state over the end of the emergency program set up to help the homeless during the pandemic.

The lawsuit alleges the state's changes violate Vermont law and have a restrictive definition of what qualifies as a disability.

Mike Dockerty of VT Digger has more

063021SOT Mike Dockerty1 - extension for those with disabilities

Read more on this story at VT Digger dot org.

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Radio Vermont › Tuesday ANS - 6/29/2021 › B8 More Vax Info

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Governor Phil Scott was on his weekly call with fellow governors and the CDC and learned a little bit more about the vaccine authorization timeline.

062921SOT Phil Scott A

Multiple Vermont colleges are requiring students to be vaccinated <sup>if</sup> ~~when~~ that authorization happens.

Dr. Mark Levine also says it doesn't look <sup>like</sup> people will need vaccine booster shots any time soon.

062921SOT Dr. Mark Levine A

But kids under 12 likely won't be able to be vaccinated <sup>any time</sup> soon.

062921SOT Dr. Mark Levine B

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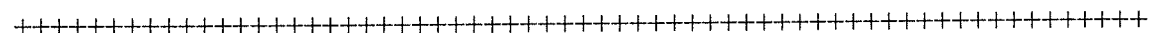
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# B21\* - First COVID Death in Weeks

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As the number of COVID cases in Vermont continues to fall to the lowest levels seen since the start of the pandemic, the state Wednesday recorded its 257th death from the virus.

For the first time in three weeks, health officials reported a new death, bringing the total since the start of the pandemic to 257.

There are five people currently hospitalized with the virus, with two in the ICU.

Also, the Vermont vaccination rate has reached 82.1%, the highest of any state.

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Agency of Human Services Secretary Mike Smith provided an update on the states vaccination progress.

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And Smith says pop-up clinics this past weekend were successful efforts.

051121SOT Mike Smith C

In all, 713 Vermonters got vaccinated at these clinics, and there are more clinics coming up soon.

051121SOT Mike Smith B

There are also more clinics coming up in Windham County as well as some others that the state will announce soon.

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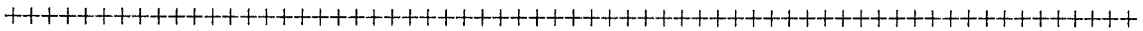
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Department of Financial Regulation  
Commissioner Michael Pieciak says  
the state is doing better at getting  
those under 30 years old a vaccine  
shot.

051121SOT Michael Pieciak A

And the state is currently ahead of  
schedule in the Vermont Forward  
plan.

051121SOT Michael Pieciak B

Governor Phil Scott said if more  
people get vaccinated, the state may  
be able to move up its end date of re-  
opening, which is currently July 4th.  
He'll have more information at  
Friday's press conference which we  
will air at 11 AM.

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With about a week left in Vermont's legislative session, House and Senate lawmakers continue to work out the details of a \$7-billion state spending plan.

More than a billion dollars of federal COVID relief funds have fueled a debate over how to use the bounty of cash,

Governor Phil Scott and the Legislature largely agree on what is in the budget, but they disagree over how to pay for it.

(051421SOT Phil Scott)

The governor and his team want to spend the federal COVID cash on housing, economic recovery initiatives, water and sewer, universal broadband, and climate change initiatives.

~~ANR Secretary Julie Moore tells Channel 3 News the ball has to start rolling now.~~

~~(051421SOT Julie Moore)~~

But Democrats say Scott's proposals leave some important things out.

Senate President Becca Balint says they want to use some of the funding to prop up the state colleges, workforce development, and mental health, and they say the state has four years to decide how to spend the money, so there's no need to rush.

(051421SOT Becca Balint)

Federal officials just released new guidelines of how the money can be spent, so legislative economists are analyzing how that could affect their spending plan. ~~—————~~

House Speaker Jill Krowinski says their plans to spend the money will meet federal guidelines, and they hope to reach an acceptable agreement with the governor.

(051421SOT Jill Krowinski)

President's Biden's \$2 trillion infrastructure plan could change the entire conversation, sending another flood of cash to Montpelier directed toward broadband and housing in the months ahead.

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Vermont lawmakers have signed off on a \$7 billion budget and adjourned for the year.

The session has been defined by remote legislating during the pandemic, as well as a massive influx of federal COVID relief dollars.

Lawmakers decided to spend hundreds of millions of those dollars for housing, businesses, child care, and public health, plus major expenditures on broadband.

Legislators will also use nearly \$90 million to try to shore up the state's college system.

Speaker of the Vermont House Jill Krowinski congratulated her fellow lawmakers for what she sees as wise expenses for Vermonters.

(052421SOT Jill Krowinski)

Leaders in the Statehouse say this was a bipartisan collaboration to ensure Vermonters' needs are reflected in the budget.

The spending plan also includes plenty of money toward housing, climate change, and broadband, plus a \$150 million haul toward the underfunded state pension funds.

Gov. Scott said the budget appears to be something he will support "barring anything unforeseen" that he didn't see in the last minute details.

Lawmakers will return in mid-June for a veto session, but it's unclear what bills they will take up. The governor has several key bills on his desk right now which he'll take action on in the next few days.

There are also several summer study committees to keep lawmakers busy until they return next January.

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Vermont has launched an economic recovery program for businesses that have not received prior state and federal pandemic-related funding and for others that continue to suffer pandemic-related losses.

Governor Phil Scott says the program is expected to deliver \$30 million in federal financial relief to businesses that were not eligible for state and federal funding, and to businesses that can show a continued loss of revenues.

The state will start taking applications for the Economic Recovery Bridge Program today.

Grants will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

More information is available online on the Agency of Commerce and Community Development Recovery Resource Center.

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More than \$16 million in free tuition is being allocated to the Vermont State Colleges System. A system that is rebounding from a tough financial year due to the pandemic.

Vermont State Colleges System Chancellor Sophie Zdatny and the Presidents of the State College system announced hundreds of scholarships that are now available for new or existing students in fields that are in high demand. Zdatny tells Channel 3 it's a great year to be a student in Vermont.

(061021SOT Sophie Zdatny)

The COVID-19 pandemic response had a profound impact on higher education. Room and board fees were returned as students went remote and enrollment dropped.

The new money, approved by the state Legislature and signed by the governor, is coming from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Along with one year of free tuition in certain occupation programs, like early childhood education, it also gives up to \$5,000 to Vermonters transferring home from out-of-state schools.

Both the Vermont Technical College and Castleton saw enrollment fall by upward of 15% during the pandemic.

VTC President Patricia Moulton says the numbers have started to turn around and the free tuition is an added incentive for students to sign up.

(061021SOT Patricia Moulton)

At this time the funding is for one year. However, college officials ~~are~~ hope the program's success will help to continue the conversation with the Legislature for coming years.



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When Gov. Phil Scott announced he had signed the state budget into law, he called it "transformational."

VTDigger reports that the \$7.32 billion budget for fiscal year 2022, which starts July 1, is unlike most others in Vermont history. That's largely because it benefits from an infusion of federal dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act, which was signed into law in March.

The budget uses nearly \$600 million of the federal money, and harnesses more than \$200 million in surplus state dollars that officials identified early this year.

The windfall has allowed state leaders to pour money into long-established priorities, such as broadband buildout, affordable housing and climate change measures.

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A Bill in the U.S. Congress may move federal money to city of Burlington for the Burlington Railyard Project.

That Project has been in the planning stages for 9 years.

Vermont Congressman Peter Welch said the effort could soon get a \$2.25 million boost. The project has a total price tag of \$20 million.

(062821SOT Peter Welch)

The plan will connect Pine Street and Battery Street through the rail-yard. The mayor says it will improve traffic flow, business opportunities, and quality of life in the south end.

(062821SOT Miro Weinberger)

But Mark Hughes with the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance Center says they've been calling on city leaders to address issues with the Champlain parkway. He says the design has an inequitable impact on traffic flow in black neighborhoods.

(062821SOT Mark Hughes)

V-Trans officials say the federal money is allowing them to speed up the timeline for the project; construction is now slated to ~~begin~~ in May of 2022.

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The President of the New England Cable and Telecommunications Association issued a statement roundly criticizing the state's 10-year Broadband plan.

Tim Wilkerson said the state's plan will not achieve the proposed goal of connecting every resident to secure, high-speed broadband, despite a massive influx of federal capital that will be spent on the project.

The public comments highlight that the report's authors inexplicably criticize the Massachusetts Broadband Institutes' "Last Mile Program," that the Federal Communications Commission says has connected almost 99% of Massachusetts residents.

Wilkinson says The "Last Mile" program has been extraordinarily effective because it allows all providers and technologies to participate in an open, competitive bidding process.

Once these projects are completed, the ongoing financial burdens of upgrading and securing the networks rest solely on the provider – not on taxpayers – for continuing subsidies.

They point out that the authors of the state's 10-Year Telecommunications Plan also have the appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to Communication Union Districts (CUDs). The same entity that drafted the plan are paid consultants to CUDs, who are clear beneficiaries of the analysis.

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Governor Phil Scott has vetoed two bills that would have approved charter amendments in Montpelier and Winooski to allow noncitizen residents to vote in their local elections.

Scott wrote in his veto letter that while well-intentioned the measures would lead to inconsistency in election policy and create separate but unequal classes of residents potentially able to vote on local issues.

He asked the Legislature to revisit the topic and develop a statewide policy or uniform process for municipalities wishing to do so to grant the voting right in local elections "to all legal residents."



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Less than two weeks after adjourning for the year, legislative leaders Wednesday vowed to return in coming weeks to try to override Republican Gov. Phil Scott's latest vetoes, including ones blocking communities from giving noncitizens voting rights.

From the Statehouse steps, Senate President Pro Tempore Becca Balint confirmed that lawmakers did not intend to let Scott stand in the way of key legislation passed by the General Assembly.

On Tuesday Scott vetoed a pair of bills that would have granted local voting rights to noncitizens in Winooski and Montpelier. The governor claimed the issue needed "further consideration and debate," suggesting a more statewide approach would avoid "inconsistency in election policy."

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Vermont lawmakers return to the State House today in an attempt to override several bills vetoed by the governor.

The House and Senate are set to vote on at least two of Governor Phil Scott's vetoes dealing with charter changes that would have allowed noncitizens to vote in local elections in Montpelier and Winooski.

House Speaker Becca Balint is confident the House will be able to override the rejection from the governor.

(062321SOT Becca Balint A)

Governor Scott has argued Vermont needs a uniform policy for noncitizen voting, instead of the piecemeal approach taken by the charter changes.

(062321SOT Phil Scott A)

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Democrats clearly have the two-thirds majority needed to override the veto in the Senate, but the measure's prospects are less clear in the House.

Montpelier's charter change originally passed with three votes to spare, but the Winooski vote was one short of that threshold.

Both sides are now lobbying lawmakers who remain on the fence and everyone agrees the votes will be close.

Lawmakers say it's unlikely that they will try to override a veto on a bill that would bar police from releasing the names of young offenders.

All of these bills could be picked back up when the Legislature returns to work in January. But lawmakers say they would need to approve the

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The Vermont House Wednesday voted to override Governor Phil Scott's vetoes of two bills that will allow noncitizens to vote in certain local elections in Winooski and Montpelier.

WCAX says that the vote was 103 to 47 for each bill.

The governor had argued Vermont needs a uniform policy for noncitizen voting, instead of the "piecemeal" approach taken by the charter changes. But supporters of the bills said it was more a question of local control and abiding by the wishes of voters in those communities.

The Senate is expected to take action Thursday.

Lawmakers say it's unlikely that they will try to override another veto that would bar police from releasing the names of young offenders. Supporters of the veto say it's consistent with a previous law aimed at moving more cases of young adults into family court where proceedings are confidential.

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Vermonters ages 12 to 15 can now get the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine after U.S. health advisers endorsed its use for those ages.

Registration for vaccine appointments opened this morning.

Earlier this week the Food and Drug Administration cleared use of the Pfizer vaccine for ~~that~~ people as young as 12.

Advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Wednesday say that the shots will let kids safely attend camps this summer and help assure a more normal return to classrooms next school year.

The CDC accepted its advisers' recommendation.

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Another school in our region is requiring students and staff to be vaccinated for the upcoming fall semester.

At Middlebury College, all students who plan to enroll for in-person learning will have to be fully vaccinated before arriving to campus. The same applies for faculty and staff.

There will be exceptions for approved medical or religious reasons.

Dartmouth College is also requiring the vaccine for the fall.

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Schools across Vermont may soon be tested for radon and PCBs if separate legislative proposals make it into law.

But VTDigger reports that lawmakers plan to tackle the two contaminants -- both linked to cancer -- in significantly different ways.

For radon, legislators contemplate requiring tests in all schools and asking districts to pick up the tab. For PCBs, lawmakers are making money available for testing but leaving it up to schools whether to test or not.

In a last-minute amendment to a bill ordering the Agency of Education to survey the state of school buildings, the Senate last week tacked on a requirement that all public schools test for radon by 2023. House lawmakers now must decide whether to concur, counter the proposal or scrap the bill altogether.

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Dan French of the Agency of Education says the state is having success at vaccinating the newly eligible 12-15 year old population.

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And Agency of Human Services Secretary Mike Smith discussed the specific numbers in that group.

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And Secretary French continued to tell people how important it is to vaccinate both kids and parents.

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The Governors next COVID-19 Response News Conference is Tuesday at 11 AM.

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The University of Vermont this fall will require vaccination of all students – but not faculty and staff.

University of Vermont spokesperson Enrique Corredera told the Vermont Daily Chronicle that that is because students live in closer quarters and belong to an age group with lower vaccination rates,

The Burlington-based state university announced last week that all students will be required to be vaccinated for the fall semester, pending FDA final approval of at least one vaccine.

However, faculty and staff – despite being more susceptible to Covid as an age group – will not need to be vaccinated.

The Vermont State College system has not yet announced its fall vaccination policy. Norwich, Middlebury, Champlain, St. Michaels, and Bennington colleges all will require at least student vaccination for fall enrollment.

Gov. Scott has said previously he doesn't "see a way forward" for required vaccination for K-12 public school students.

Scott said on Monday that businesses and other institutions may, if they wish, require staff and customers to wear masks and socially-distance. It is not clear if that policy also applies to state-funded public schools