

Quarterly Report July-September 2021

THIS IS A LISTING OF MAJOR PROBLEMS AND NEEDS WITHIN THE WAGA-TV SERVICE AREA AND A SAMPLING OF THE NEWS PROGRAMS DIRECTED TO THESE ISSUES IN THE PRECEDING THREE MONTHS.

Description of Typical and Illustrative Programs

GOOD DAY ATLANTA: “GDA” is a daily program with local and national news, as well as interviews that address topical issues and the people affected by them.
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Wednesday’s Child: The goal of this project is to give difficult-to-adopt children a fighting chance. The Wednesday's Child program is nationally known and nationally successful in placing children in need of homes. FOX5 News is now taking part in that success with a series of stories, benefiting the kids and the community.

The Georgia Gang: This show is Atlanta’s longest running public affairs program airing Sundays at 8:30a.m. (repeating at 11:30p.m.) The weekly half-hour program includes a panel discussion of a variety of timely topics and provides a forum for state and local issues.

EDUCATION

7/14/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
Within the last few days, two major metro Atlanta school systems have announced masks will be mandatory once schools reopen in a few weeks. DeKalb county did a 180 Monday after last month saying masks were optional. Now Clayton county has followed suit. Their decisions may have something to do with the CDC releasing their newest guidelines.

7/23/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30
As children across the Atlanta metro region get ready to get back to school administrators are highlighting some of the covid safety measures they're taking. In DeKalb County president Biden's secretary of education toured an elementary school to see how it's preparing to bring students back into the classroom.

7/28/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30
Clayton county students will hit the books next week when they return to the classroom. School district officials say they now have safety measures in place to mitigate the spread of covid-19 in buildings.

7/29/2021 7am/9am 3:30
First look inside the new Atlanta SMART Academy. It's a first-of-its-kind middle school in Atlanta, serving students with a tuition-free performing arts-based education.

7/30/21 10P/11P 4:40
Some Gwinnett County parents threatened to take their kids out of school just days before classes start. It's because of the district's decision made this week to make masks mandatory for students.

8/2/2021 10am 3:15
"Deidra Dukes Reports" on the state of our schools

8/05/21 4P/5P/6P/10P/11P 10:00
Today, the Alpharetta Department of Public Safety cleared all officers involved in an arrest where a k-9 officer bit a man. The man's attorneys say this decision comes as no surprise, but they argue video from the encounter shows their client is innocent.

9/1/21 4P/5P/6P 5:00
A lack of substitute teachers has put a strain on the Atlanta Public Schools system. Many subs are retired teachers who are fearful of contracting covid-19. Current teachers tell us there are times when they have to supervise two classes at once, posing additional problems for the school community.

9/30/2021 10am 1:15
A Douglasville neighborhood plagued by a series of racially charged notes left on mailboxes since last year can breathe a bit easier after police said they have made an arrest. But those notes weren't exactly what they seemed and the suspect wasn't who they claimed to be, investigators said.

9/30/21 4P/5P/6P 5:00
One Fulton County school has seen a lot of violence in the past few weeks. "Tri-Cities High School" in East Point has had several fights and even social media threats. All the violence has parents frustrated and at least one worried about her daughter's safety.

DRUGS & ALCOHOL

7/23/21 10P/11P 4:00
Authorities in Butts County say they're seeing an increase in opiate overdoses. Oftentimes, the drugs are laced with fentanyl. The latest death involved an 18-month-old boy.

RACIAL TENSION/PREJUDICE/DISCRIMINATION

- 7/5/2021 7am/9am 3:30
Small businesses are starting to pass along their credit card fees to the consumer. This is tricky as many businesses now don't deal in cash. You can pay with a debit but that doesn't leave you covered if there's theft or a dispute. How to navigate.
- 7/6/2021 8am 3:15
Is affordable housing a thing of the past? The average home prices in metro Atlanta jumped almost 20 percent since the beginning of the pandemic.
- 7/8/2021 8am 3:15
The Rent is too high Tenants are really feeling the squeeze as rents rise across the country. The average monthly rent is over 14-hundred dollars.
- 7/15/2021 8am 3:15
Beware of payday loans: Need cash fast? It's tempting to lean on a payday loan. A new study found 42% of millennials actually use these to deal with debt. Credible.com personal finance expert Dan Roccato explains why that could be risky.
- 7/21/2021 7am/9am 3:30
Cash payment requirement - While we've seen many businesses pre pandemic pushing to 'no cash' payment, it went full speed during covid for no contact purchases. But there's pushback from the unbanked. We hope to interview a Ga. congressman about this.
- 7/23/2021 7am/9am 3:30
CHIME A notebank has been accused of shutting down accounts and not returning the money for months, if at all in some cases. We will talk to a local woman who can't get her \$11,000.
- 7/26/21 10P/11P 4:00
A local sheriff says a national organization is telling him he can't post about religion on social media. The organization says it's unconstitutional. The sheriff says he'll post whatever he feels is right.
- 8/2-4 & 7/21 6a/12p/6p/10p 5:02/17:16
There may be only one thing worse than a historic tragedy; that's forgetting it ever happened. Though it took 80 years, the FOX 5 I-Team reports the U.S. Army has made public the lynching of a Ft. Benning soldier. A memorial has been placed near the site of the lynching to make sure no one will forget Private Felix Hall. The Army was still segregated when the 19-year-old joined up. According to an FBI investigation, Hall left work at a sawmill and never made it back to his barracks. His decomposing body was discovered six week later in a ravine. He was tied to a sapling, a rope around his neck, his feet bound with baling wire. His killers were never discovered.
- 8/5/2021 8am 3:15
Credit card alternative: buy now, pay later. Dan has more on the pros and cons of this new payment plan.
- 8/17/2021 8am 3:30
Tapping into newly created home equity. Many existing homeowners are happily finding that their existing home is today much more valuable than they had expected, and interest rates for long term fixed rate home loans and even some HELOCs remain at historic lows.
- 9/14/2021 8am 3:30
A new study shows 48% of renters worry they won't ever be able to afford a home during their life.

ECONOMY

7/1/2021 9am 3:30
Losing your sense of smell is one of the first (and sometimes only) Signs of a covid-19 infection. Most people recover their sense of smell and taste within about a month of getting sick. But some don't. A new study out of France says after 6 months, 86% recovered sense of smell, after 1 year, 96% recovered sense of smell

7/5/2021 9am 3:40
Data on effectiveness of J&J vaccine against Delta variant of the coronavirus, advice regarding mask wearing for kids at camp & soon school, Delta variant is now responsible for 1 out of every 4 new cases in the U.S. but in states with the highest rates of Covid-19 spread (Arkansas, Utah, Missouri) it makes up 50-70% of the cases -- Why that is important. As a third of American remain unvaccinated you say that they're not only putting their health at risk but they pose a risk to everyone else if they become infected

7/8/2021 9am 3:30
Biden administration want to make it easier for people to get vaccinated -- get more vaccine to primary care providers, get more mobile vaccination units to go out to outdoor festivals and sporting events. Administration is also launching mobile surge response units to help states with outbreaks.

7/8/2021 9am 3:15
Japanese government has declared a new state of emergency in Tokyo, which will run through the Olympic Games. This comes after the country began seeing a jump in covid-19 infections in the capital city. Health officials there are concerned about the more-contagious delta variant. What this means for the Tokyo games

7/12/2021 9am 3:30
Data from Israel revealed this week that the Pfizer vaccine is less effective against Covid-19 infections caused by the Delta variant, however it still was effective at preventing severe illness, CDC also issued new school guidance with an emphasis on full reopening, even if schools can't comply 100% with their recommendations

7/13/2021 9am 3:30
FDA Is warning the Johnson & Johnson vaccine may raise the risk of a rare neurological condition. Health officials say the risk is low. But this comes just two months after the u-s government paused the rollout of the "j and j" vaccine amid concerns about blood clots.

7/13/2021 10am 3:45
Dr. Taz: Perimenopause can begin as young as 30 and last until 55. During this stage of a woman's life, they will experience hormone fluctuations and imbalances that can affect their mood, weight, memory and more. Dr. Taz MD, host of the Super Woman Wellness podcast, specializes in preventive care and is trained in both Eastern and Western systems of medicine. Here, she shares her top tips to help balance hormones during this stage of life.

7/15/2021 All Hours 2:15
Covid-19 cases are increasing in Georgia. The seven-day average positivity rate is four percent. It has not been that high since May. Hospitalizations are also up. 39-percent of Georgians are fully vaccinated. Vaccination rates in the south are among the lowest in the country.

7/15/2021 9am 3:30
Older Americans have lined up for the covid-19 vaccine in record numbers. But one group has been much more reluctant about rolling up their sleeves: And that's younger adults between the ages of 18 and 25. A new study that looks at vaccine hesitancy in younger adults. Younger people are less likely to get sick from a covid-19 infection -- but they're also the ones most likely to spread the virus.

7/20/2021 9am 3:30
The CDC says breakthrough infections in fully vaccinated people are rare, but they can happen.

That's because no vaccine is 100-percent effective at preventing infection. As of mid-July, nearly 5,500 covid-19 hospitalizations or deaths in fully vaccinated individuals have been reported to the health agency. That's out of 159-million Americans who are now fully vaccinated.

7/21/2021 9am 3:30

The CDC says the highly contagious delta variant now makes up 83-percent of all u-s cases. That's a big jump from earlier this month, when the agency said the new variant was driving about half of new infections. And a new study finds the Johnson & Johnson vaccine doesn't work as well against the new variants as it worked against the original virus.

7/22/2021 9am 3:15

If you have covid-19, there is a treatment that may keep you *out* of the hospital. Monoclonal antibody treatments

7/30/2021 9am 3:30

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention document obtained by several news outlets warns that the COVID-19 delta variant could be more likely to produce severe illness and can spread as fast as chickenpox.

7/26/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30

A statewide moratorium on evictions is set to expire this week. But the Atlanta mayor's office says they plan to extend it once again. Apartment managers in Atlanta say they've got a lot of people not paying their bills... And not getting help to get back on track.

7/23/21 7a/9a/12p/5p 11:48

What if your lifesavings were in an account, you no longer had access to it? Not only that, but you're also told no refund is coming. Sounds scary. Well, the Fox 5 I-Team discovered customers of an app-based banking tool complain this is exactly what happening to them. Millions of people have turned to app-based banking. One of the biggest players in this new field is called Chime. It's easy to set up an account, but a Griffin woman says if something goes wrong – watch out. Chime suddenly shut down her account leaving her with no access to \$14,000 for ten months. It's a familiar story. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has logged more than 1,000 complaints in a short period about Chime. The BBB has issued an alert, warning that many customers have had their accounts closed even after providing documents to clear up any questions. The local woman in our story finally got her money back and now plans to return to old-fashioned banking. But for those still interested in Fin-Tech, experts advise that you keep very good records of all your transactions, balances, and passwords, just in case something goes wrong.

8/2/2021 9am 3:30

CDC change its recommendations on mask guidelines for people fully vaccinated, based on Provincetown, MA where they found that 74% of the people infected had been vaccinated and that the viral load (the measure of contagiousness) was just as high in vaccinated folks as unvaccinated, now that we know that vaccinated people who are infected with the Delta variant can transmit infection just as easily as someone who is unvaccinated what is the driving force to still get vaccinated?, What does this all mean as schools begin to start back up?

8/9/2021 9am 3:30

Back to school mask mandates, FDA considering offering booster shots, this past weekend marked the beginning of the Sturgis bike rally in South Dakota

8/11/21 10P 1:20

Georgians have likely notice that the price of goods are rising here and nationwide. New numbers from the Labor Dept. show trips to the grocery store and the gas station are hitting American wallets harder than before.

8/12/2021 9am 3:30

As covid-19 cases surge here in Georgia and across the u-s, The CDC is urging pregnant women to get vaccinated against the coronavirus. The agency released new data Wednesday on the safety of the covid-19 vaccines in pregnant women. One thing the c-d-c looked at is the risk of miscarriage -- and they did not find a higher rate of miscarriage in women who were vaccinated early in their pregnancy.

- 8/13/2021 9am 3:40
People with fragile immune systems could soon be able to receive an extra dose of the Pfizer or Moderna covid-19 vaccines. This, after the f-d-a authorized the additional shots. Today, a c-d-c vaccine advisory panel will meet to hammer out who should receive the extra doses, and how they should be administered. If a person is in one of these groups, will they have to show proof, like a prescription from their doctor? Other countries have made additional doses available for seniors. Is that likely to happen here?
- 8/16/2021 9am 3:45
CDC recommended a third vaccine dose for those who are immunocompromised, this week almost 94,000 children contract Covid-19, nearly 15% of all infections, reasons for rapid 4th wave and how long it will last, vaccine mandates for healthcare workers
- 8/17/2021 9am 3:40
There are reports that covid-19 booster shots could soon be recommended -- for everyone. That announcement may come this week. It's happening just days after boosters were approved for those who are immunocompromised
- 8/18/2021 9am 3:30
As covid-19 case numbers climb, there *is* a treatment option for those who get the virus and are "high-risk," and it's free. People who may qualify include seniors -- diabetics -- those who are severely overweight -- and those with underlying conditions like heart or lung disease.
- 8/23/2021 All Hours 2:30
In Lamar County, the rising number of covid cases prompted the school district to close all schools. They will remain closed for the next two weeks.
- 8/23/2021 9am 3:15
Today could be the day the FDA gives its full backing to the pfizer covid-19 vaccine. Until now, the vaccine was administered under an emergency use authorization. And with the surge in new cases -- public health experts hope the FDA's seal of approval will inspire more people to get immunized.
- 8/24/2021 9am 3:30
Now that the food and drug administration has granted full approval to the pfizer-biontech covid-19 vaccine, what that could mean for the vaccine rollout. There is some new data from Israel about seniors who received a *third* dose of the Pfizer vaccine. And it looks promising.
- 8/25/2021 9am 3:30
Two new CDC Studies shed more light on breakthrough infections in fully vaccinated people. Researchers found breakthrough infections were more common than we may realize. What people can do to lower their odds of getting a breakthrough infection, what people should do if you're fully vaccinated and you think you may have a breakthrough infection?
- 8/26/2021 9am 3:15
14.1 million Americans have received j & j shot. Johnson and Johnson study shows booster dose raised antibody levels 9-fold. FDA, CDC advisory committee still need to sign off on boosters. Distribution of boosters could begin week of September 20th
- 8/30/2021 9am 3:40
CDC released a new report about how an unvaccinated elementary school teacher who was infected with the Delta variant spread the virus to half the classroom eventually infecting 26 people. Calls to Poison control centers have tripled recently because some Americans are taking the antiparasite drug ivermectin. It's used as a treatment in humans for worms & lice, but mostly used in livestock. How to attend venues safely.

8/31/2021 9am 3:45
The delta variant continues to hit Georgia and the south hard. And health officials are encouraging people to avoid crowded indoor settings and large gatherings. So, we thought now might be a good time to talk about how this virus spreads — and where you're most likely to be infected.

9/1/2021 9am 3:30
Prescriptions for the anti-parasite drug **ivermectin** recently skyrocketed but emergency physicians are urging Americans not to take ivermectin for covid-19

9/6/2021 9am 3:45
Dr. Winawer talks concerns about the safety of travel on holiday weekend, Regarding the booster shots there's word that the Moderna vaccine may be delayed, A recent study reported last week from the CDC revealed that children were more than 3 ½ times likely to be hospitalized if they were from states with lower vaccination rates. In places where the Delta variant first struck (e.g., U.K., India) the numbers have now fallen dramatically. Do you think the U.S. will experience the same thing?

9/6/2021 5am/7am 3:40
It's once again time for flu shots, just as the country is gearing up for covid-nineteen boosters. So, should you get the shots together, or time them out a few weeks apart? Last year there was lots of talk about a "twindemic." experts warned the flu and covid-19 could hit at the same time. But, we hardly almost no flu. Are there concerns we could see flu on top of high covid cases? Flu and covid have a lot of overlapping symptoms is there a way to tell them apart?

9/8/2021 9am 3:30
Just over five million u-s children have tested positive for covid-19 since the pandemic began. And children now make up more than one in four new cases. Those are the latest numbers from "the American academy of pediatrics." Building a circle of protection around children, situations families with younger children should avoid.

9/9/2021 9am 3:40
The governor of Maryland says older adults living in nursing homes and other communal settings can begin receiving covid-19 booster shots right away. This comes ahead of the federal government's planned roll out of third doses of the vaccine for *all* Americans. That's scheduled for September 20th, if the FDA approves the boosters. Where things stand with the booster roll-out

9/13/2021 9am 3:45
Last week the President laid out a new plan to fight the latest coronavirus surge, imposing stringent new vaccine rules on federal workers, large employers, and health care staff -- requirements that could apply to as many as 100 million Americans. A study reported by the CDC last week showed that the Moderna coronavirus vaccine was most effective in preventing hospitalization. Recipients were 95 percent protected whereas the Pfizer at 80 percent and Johnson & Johnson—60 percent were significantly lower. Some in the administration have stated not to expect a vaccine for children ages 5 to 11 until after the New Year. However top US health officials now believe that Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine may be approved by the end of October.

9/14/2021 9am 3:40
Monoclonal antibody treatment designed to help high-risk people fight off the virus *before* they become sick enough to end up in the hospital. There is a push to try to make these treatments easier to access.

8/15/2021 9am 3:30
If you're struggling with lingering covid-19 issues, it may be time to get help. Health care providers are still learning about the long-term effects of the virus -- sometimes called "long-covid" or "chronic covid." how to get ready for that first appointment. The c-d-c suggests writing out your history with long-covid before your appointment. Another suggestion is to keep an ongoing journal of your Symptoms.

9/20/2021 9am 3:30
Last Friday vaccine advisers to the US Food and Drug Administration voted to recommend emergency use authorization of a booster dose of Pfizer's vaccine to people 65 and older and those at high risk of severe Covid-19 six months after they get their first two shots. But they rejected a broader application to approve booster doses for everyone 16 older. Last week Nicki Minaj prompted quite a stir on Monday with a tweet in which she claimed that a cousin's friend in Trinidad had become impotent after receiving the Covid-19 vaccine.

9/20/21 10P/11P 4:00
Some store owners in downtown Athens fear their shops won't survive much longer. The local businesses took a hit during the pandemic, but they say they are now losing money because of construction.

9/21/2021 9am 3:30
The Pfizer vaccine appears to work very well in school age children. The drug maker announced yesterday that a much smaller dose of its covid nineteen vaccine proved highly effective and safe in kids as young as five. The fox medical team's Beth Galvin spoke with a pediatrician. "Kaiser family foundation" polled parents of younger children about the vaccine

9/24/21 10P/11P 4:00
The film industry is a billion-dollar business here in Georgia. Right now, a union that represents some of those production teams is preparing for to strike over working conditions. We find out what they want and the impact this would have.

9/27/2021 9am 3:40
The CDC Advisory Committee voted to recommend boosters for people age 65 and older and residents of long-term care facilities who received the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine series at least 6 months ago, and people ages 50 to 64 with underlying medical conditions. but they voted 9-6 against boosters for a broader group of people -- those ages 18 to 64 who are at increased risk of Covid-19 because of their workplaces or institutional settings like healthcare workers. However, CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky disagreed and made that group eligible for a booster shot.

9/29/2021 9am 3:45
About a million Americans have already scheduled an appointment to get a booster shot of the Pfizer biotech vaccine. If you've been nervous about the potential side effects, there is some reassuring news. A new c-d-c report looks at what to expect, from the first Americans vaccinated starting in mid-august.

9/30/21 10P/11P 3:00
The recent fire along Cheshire Bridge Road continues to cause problems for business owners. Some of them are worried the road closure will keep customers away and force them to close for good. And that's why they are asking the city to step in and help.

HEALTH & HEALTHCARE

7/2/2021 5am/7am/9am 3:40
The non-profit animal rescue "Adopt a Golden Atlanta" recently rescued 45 dogs from China. These golden retrievers were saved from slaughterhouses and brought here be adopted. Most of those dogs have been adopted. The first transport arrived in late March, and they have a couple more dogs arrived at the end of May. Beginning July 14th, a ban will go into place that bans the import of dogs from other countries.

7/06/21 4P/5P 3:00
The Biden administration did *not* hit its fourth of July goal of getting 70% of U.S. adults at least one dose of the vaccine. Instead, 67-percent of adults are partially vaccinated, and 58-percent are fully vaccinated. President Biden urged Americans to, quote, "finish the job" and get vaccinated in a press conference this afternoon.

- 7/07/21 4P/5P 6:20
Blake bar-gat-zee wants to come back from a harrowing brush with covid-nineteen. He has spent the last three months in one intensive care unit after another. The 24-year-old's lungs failed, forcing him to undergo a high-risk transplant surgery. And he has a message for other young people: Don't take this virus for granted.
- 7/08/21 4P/5P 4:50
The level of protection the covid-19 vaccine gives is especially important as we continue to track covid cases right here in the state. But in Georgia only 39% of residents are fully vaccinated. The Fox Medical Team's Beth Galvin explains why some pockets of the state could experience an outbreak of delta variant cases.
- 7/15/21 4P/5P 4:20
If you spend any time on social media, you have probably seen your share of posts about the pandemic and the covid-nineteen vaccine. And the country's top doctor warns many of those posts include false information that could drive people away from getting vaccinated.
- 7/19/21 4P/5P 5:10
As of mid-July, nearly 5,500 Americans had been hospitalized or died after experiencing a breakthrough covid-19 infection. That is just a small fraction of 159-million Americans who have been fully vaccinated. One east Atlanta man says he and two friends picked up the virus over the holiday weekend -- even though they were all vaccinated.
- 7/19/21 10P/11P 4:10
Cases for RSV or "respiratory syncytial virus" ...Are up here in Georgia. The virus that affects children younger than five doesn't typically show up in summer months.
- 7/26/21 4P/5P 5:00
As coronavirus cases continue to surge across Georgia, hospitalizations are steadily climbing, too. Right now almost 1,700 people are hospitalized statewide with either confirmed or suspected covid-19 infections.
- 7/28/21 4P/5P 5:00
It's been a rough July for a Lawrenceville woman. Over the holiday weekend, Montina Daniels and 4 family members contracted covid. The others were *not* vaccinated -- but Daniels was. And, despite her ordeal, she believes the vaccine may have saved her life.
- 7/30/21 4P/5P 5:00
The war has changed" against the highly contagious delta variant. That is the message in an internal memo circulating at the c-d-c. The agency published a new study today, detailing a cluster of hundreds of infections in Massachusetts. Nearly 75-percent of those sickened are fully vaccinated.
- 8/01/21 10P/11P 4:10
Students in nearly a dozen metro Atlanta school districts will return to the classroom tomorrow, many of them without mask mandates. Cobb county school leaders sent out a letter alerting parents that some people have tested positive after open house events for at least two schools. Some parents say they're nervous this is just the beginning.
- 8/16/21 10P/11P 4:10
Georgia hospitals are overwhelmed with more than a fourth of all hospital patients infected with Covid. The governor says he plans to more than double the number of state health employees helping at hospitals
- 8/16/2021 7am/9am 3:30
Living in a tent. We meet a family who has worked through the pandemic. Never collected unemployment but can't find a place to live. They have spent \$600+ on application fees, get accepted, but don't get the home. They have resorted to living in a tent.
Weather/Disasters

9/1/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
Sadly, the covid-19 death toll in our state now includes a 13-year-old boy. The heartbreaking news comes out of Floyd County where officials confirm the boy died after battling covid-19.

9/1/21 4/5P 5:00
With Labor Day just around the corner, many of us will travel or get together with family and friends. Both can raise our risk of being exposed to the coronavirus. Should you need to get tested, a rapid test may be the way to go, if you can find one.

9/3/21 4/5P 5:00
Covid-19 has hospitalized nearly 6-thousand Georgians. That is a pandemic record, higher than even the peak numbers we saw back in January. Critical care teams across the state are under increasing pressure.

9//7/21 4/5P 5:00
There are hopeful signs here in Georgia. The number of new infections appears to have dropped, and hospitalizations in hard-hit areas of the state like the southwest are down. It's too soon if the fourth wave has peaked. But health experts now worry about something that could undo that progress: the Labor Day weekend.

9/7/21 4/5/6P 5:30
Health workers in Gwinnett County are working to vaccinate as many people as they can at a clinic at Shiloh high school. The pop-up vaccine event is the first of several scheduled at Gwinnett schools this month... And comes after the Gwinnett County school district announced they will offer vaccine incentives to their teachers and staff.

9/7/21 5/6P 4:00
Officer Frankie Gutierrez passed away last week from the virus. His patrol now sits outside the department and members of the community have been coming by to pay their respects.

9/7/21 10P/11P 4:00
A school district-- forced to go virtual after two bus drivers and a bus monitor die from covid-19. Tragedy strikes transportation workers in the Griffin-Spalding County school district. The three deaths all happened within the last two weeks.

9/8/21 4/5P 5:00
Covid-19 has now hospitalized almost 6-thousand Georgians. Health care workers hope the surge in patients will peak sometime in the next couple of weeks. But right now, the state is running dangerously low on critical care beds.

9/13/21 4P/5P 5:00
In the early months of the pandemic, if you weren't sick enough to be hospitalized, you had to ride out the virus on your own at home. But now, there is another option. It's an anti-body treatment designed to help high-risk people fight off the virus before they become severely ill.

9/15/21 4P/5P 5:00
If you've been to a pharmacy or grocery store lately, you have probably seen the signs for flu shots. It's that time of year again. And this year, it may be possible to get a flu shot and a covid-nineteen booster at the same time.

9/20/21 5P/6P 4:00
The American Cancer Society predicts more than 34-thousand deaths due to prostate cancer this year. One Cobb county man turned his diagnosis and remission into a new life focus: Advocating for others. It's an important mission now, more than ever, during prostate cancer awareness month.

9/24/21 10P/11P 4:00
Hospitals are having to make difficult decisions as many are seeing yet another surge of COVID patients into the ER. Officials say many are having to postpone non-emergency surgeries as they shift resources to accommodate those with the virus.

9/27/21 4P/5P 5:00
Pharmacies and vaccination sites across the state now have booster doses of the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine. The third doses are recommended for seniors and adults in certain higher-risk groups.

9/29/21 4P/5P 4:30
Across the state, children's hospitals continue to see high numbers of kids infected with the coronavirus. This week, children's healthcare of Atlanta's covid-nineteen numbers appears to have dropped. But the system's top doctors urge parents not to let down their guard.

HOMELESSNESS/HUNGER

8/01/21 10P/11P 5:00
After the nationwide eviction moratorium expired, a judge in one metro Atlanta County is telling tenants they will not be booted out of their homes just yet. A superior court judge in DeKalb County issued an emergency order extending the eviction moratorium for another 60 days.

9/28/21 10P/11P 4:00
Running water... Electricity... Even a safe place to store personal belongings. Those are just a few of the things a new government-sanctioned homeless encampment will offer in Athens-Clarke County. The only problem, a lot of those who are homeless don't want to move to the new community.

WEATHER/DISASTERS

8/17/21 4P :40
People living in Americas in Sumpter were also hit hard by this morning's storm. We have a look at the damage left behind.

9/1/21 10P/11P 3:00
Local organizations and county leaders are stepping up to help hurricane Ida evacuees sheltering in metro Atlanta. Right now, some evacuees say they're running out of money for hotels and food... and don't know where to turn.

9/7/21 10P/11P 3:45
A volunteer from Athens is in Baton Rouge tonight-- he's one of hundreds of red cross volunteers helping with the cleanup effort in Louisiana. The team is working around the clock to provide food and shelter to many who are now homeless.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ORGANIZATION

7/01/21 4P/5P/6P 7:00
Tempers flare at an Atlanta City Hall meeting. In a discussion about the future use of the downtown jail, one council member referred to Mayor Keisha Lance Bottom stance on the jail as quoting here, "having panties in a bunch". That dramatic characterization amounted to a complaint by Councilman Michael Bond who believes the mayor has been inflexible and will not allow the Fulton sheriff to place overflow inmates downtown.

7/01/21 5P/6P 3:20
Stalking victims in Georgia can now move themselves to safety without financial penalties. State senator Kim Jackson of Stone Mountain sponsored the new law that went into effect today. It helps victims break their lease.

7/01/21 10P/11P 4:00
The mayor of Marietta says there are way too many complaints about speeding. City leaders are now considering adding speed cameras.

7/06/21 4P/5P/6P 6:20

As passengers come back in a big way, managers at Hartsfield Jackson airport have worked to make the facility more secure. The airport now has several thousand cameras covering the entire facility....and staff have identified potential holes in security that needed to be reinforced.

7/07/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30

The surge in violence in the city of Atlanta has residents fed up and now they want to see change. Today Atlanta's police chief sat down for an honest and open conversation about what needs to be done to keep citizens safe.

07/07/21 5P/6P 3:00

It is now a felony in Georgia to post explicit content of someone on an adult website without their consent. State lawmakers unanimously passed what's known as the "revenge porn" bill earlier this year and it went into effect last week. The bill's sponsor says it's important for Georgia laws to keep up with criminals.

7/7/2021 7am/9am 3:30

Unprocessed tax returns - Yep, the IRS is still processing 2020 returns. Refunds are still on their way. Let's review how to track this.

07/08/21 10P/11P 4:20

Gwinnett County is hoping to cut down on repeat offenders by making health insurance more accessible. The sheriff's office is making it as easy as walking up to a kiosk.

7/9/2021 7am/9am 3:30

Plus up payments - The IRS may have another check for you, but it's not a fourth stimulus check. This comes if and only if the IRS calculated your check based on your 2019 returns, but you made less in 2020. If you filed your 2020 return, do nothing. If you filed for an extension, there's a looming deadline: Aug. 16.

7/9/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp released his first campaign ad as he prepares to officially launch his 2022 re-election bid tomorrow. The ad centers around major league baseball's decision to move next week's all-star game out of our state.

7/11-15, 18-22, 25, 29-30/21, 8/1/21 5a/6a/10p/12p/5p/6p/10p/11p 2:22-14:42

The Federal trial of former Georgia Insurance Commissioner Jim Beck took place in July. The FOX 5 I-Team covered the two-week trial gavel to gavel. Jurors heard from more than two dozen witnesses but came back with a verdict in just over an hour. Beck was found guilty on all 37 counts of mail, fraud, tax, and money laundering. Prosecutors convinced the jury that Beck concocted a scheme to channel millions from a state created insurance agency called GUA into his own bank account. Beck managed GUA before he was elected Insurance Commissioner. Beck made unwitting accomplices of some good friends and family members, hiring them and convincing them that they were doing legitimate work. In the end, the government says Beck kept most of the 2.5 million dollars collected through the scheme.

7/12/21 5P/6P 4:00

One city official wants to see Atlanta become more like London. In what way? Councilman Howard Shook is pushing new legislation for surveillance cameras to blanket Atlanta. The councilman says the effort is to bolster public safety ... With a goal of having a camera on you wherever you move about in the city.

7/12/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30

Critics want the City of Atlanta to ditch plans to build a massive public safety training facility. The group behind the movement called "stop cop city" claims the facility would be a waste of public land and resources. On the other hand -- some residents have demanded the police in the city get more help during a surge in violence crime.

- 7/14/21 5P/6P 4:00
If you've noticed extra trash piling up on your streets...You're not alone. An official in charge of garbage pickup in Atlanta tells city council members he is out of people and will have to reduce services. Atlanta residents have been getting service every week, but residents will have to go down to every other week. One council member is upset about it.
- 7/14/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
One metro law enforcement agency hopes to improve the lives of people with mental and behavioral health issues. Right now, the Gwinnett County sheriff's office says many of them end up in jail instead of getting proper treatment. The department's task seeks to end the stigma and criminalization of mental health.
- 7/15/2021 All hours 2:20
Child tax credit payments will be sent out -- to millions of American families. This is the first round of payments. They'll continue through December. The white house says the payments could cut child poverty -- by as much as 50-percent.
- 7/26/21 10P/11P 4:00
A local police department is investing in new technology to hopefully solve violent crimes more effectively. Gwinnett county police plans spend thousands of dollars on ballistics technology.
- 8/2/21 4P/5P/6P/11P 8:00
Athens will become the third major city in Georgia to re-institute a mask mandate. Mayor Kelly Girtz says Athens-Clarke County Commissioners will vote on the policy at their regular meeting tomorrow night. The mandate will have some exceptions.
- 8/03/21 4P/5P/6P 5:00
Atlanta's Mayor says she anticipated some pushback but adds her decision to reinstitute COVID restrictions was the right thing to protect citizens. Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms called upon some heavyweight medical help to back her up as she addressed the public today.
- 8/04/21 4P/5P/6P/10P 9:00
The stabbing death of Katie Janness has led to calls for more security. The city has experienced two recent murders in parks and now city council has set a plan in motion to provide camera surveillance at all the parks.
- 8/06/21 4P/5P/6P/10P/11P 8:45
Governor Brian Kemp says he will continue to leave decisions about masks and covid-19 protocols up to local school districts. The governor made those remarks during a back-to-school visit to a Cherokee County elementary school where students returned to class this week.
- 8/9/2021 7am/9am 3:30
Social Security benefits to rise. Next year social security benefits are expected to go up 6.1 percent. Largest increase since 1983.
- 8/11/21 5P/6P/11P 5:30
Georgia's top election official wants to change the state's constitution to ban non-citizen from voting. It's already illegal, but Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger says a constitutional amendment would clarify that policy. The change would require approval from both lawmakers and Georgia voters.
- 8/17/21 4P/5P/6P/10P/11P 10:00
Atlanta city council votes to remove a Confederate monument from a cemetery. The sponsors of the legislation says the sculpture has to be protected from vandals who are determined to destroy it.
- 8/18-19, 22, 30/21 & 9/1/21 7a/8a/12p/6p/10p 14:06/14:54
The state of Georgia recently awarded licenses to grow and sell medical marijuana to six companies. It was a hotly contested bid process, and the awards were met quickly with an astonishing 21 protests from losing companies. The

FOX 5 I-Team took a look at some of the winners, examining why so many are questioning the Medical Cannabis Commission's choices. The I-Team discovered that when Trulieve won a license, the company's CEO's husband was on trial in Florida accused of bribing government officials. He was convicted. While he's not an officer of the Georgia company, he is listed in the bid proposal as an interested party. The I-Team also found that the CEO of another winning bidder was once business partners with a medical marijuana operator who admitted paying a bribe to help win a license in another state.

8/20/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
Anyone who walks into a Cobb County government building will now have to mask up. County leaders say they made the decision in response to an increase in Covid-19 cases among county employees.

8/20/21 10P/11P 4:40
Law enforcement officers in Georgia will soon have new tools to combat drunk drivers. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety says within the year, close to 100 officers will be certified to draw blood from a suspected impaired driver.

8/23/2021 5am/7am/9am 3:00
Georgia Gwinnett College opens campus Care Pantry: It's hard for college students to meet the challenges of an academic environment. It's even harder when they're hungry and their access to food is limited. GGC, where 81% of students qualify for financial aid and 52% qualify for Pell grants, is doing its part to ensure its students never have to choose between a meal and a utility bill, with the opening of its Care Pantry.

8/28/21 10P/11P 4:15
A huge gathering in Atlanta at historic Ebenezer Baptist today. The group marched from Auburn Avenue to the John Lewis Mural downtown, to mark the anniversary of the March on Washington and demand passage of federal voting rights legislation.

9/1/21 5P/6P 3:00
With covid-19 cases continuing to rise, some Georgia democrats say Gov. Brian Kemp should mandate new steps to help fight the virus. Members of the House Democratic caucus today called on the governor to mandate masks in public places--especially schools.

9/3/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
It is about to get busy inside Atlanta's 911 call center. Friday evenings run hot for police calls. But the city is still trying to cope with understaffing at the Atlanta police department and four more dispatchers have just handed in their pink slips.

9/3/21 10P/11P 4:00
Governor Brian Kemp is lending a hand to the hard-hit tourism industry devastated from covid 19. It's in the form of more than five million dollars which the governor hopes will help get the industry back on track.

9/6/2021 5am/7am/9am 3:30
Gwinnett County women and children's shelter that opened - which is the only one in the county

9/7-8 & 12/21 10p/12p/6p 3:15/9:45
The mayor pro temp for the city of College Park faces an unusual allegation: does he even live in the city he's supposed to represent? Derrick Taylor filed to run for re-election in Ward 2, but a citizen formally complained that Taylor doesn't even live in city limits. The FOX 5 I-Team investigated and found compelling evidence suggesting she might be right. The Fulton County Board of Elections agreed to hear the complaint, but in the end, they decided to allow Taylor to continue his campaign. The citizen plans to appeal the matter to Fulton County Superior Court.

9/8/21 10P/11P 4:00
Evictions are now being enforced in almost all counties in our area- since the us supreme court struck down the CDC's eviction moratorium. Unfortunately, attorneys and law enforcement officials say tenants are often caught off guard when their eviction date arrives.

9/9/21 4P/5P/6P 5:00

Despite months of opposition -- a new public safety training center will move forward for the city of Atlanta. The Atlanta city council voted last night in favor of leasing land for the project to the Atlanta police foundation to build the training center in DeKalb County.

9/09-10/21 10p/12p/6p 10:48

A recent Georgia Supreme Court ruling has attorneys on both sides of the case saying the decision could impact state election challenges for years to come. The case involved the probate judge race in Long County. After some illegally cast ballots were thrown out, only two votes separated the candidates. And though a number of flawed absentee ballots were presented as evidence that the election results should be thrown out, a lower court judge upheld the election saying he found no evidence of fraud by any of the voters. The state's highest court agreed, signaling the court's high tolerance for minor voting mistakes. Both lawyers in the case say the decision will make future election challenges much harder to win.

9/10/2021 9am 3:45

Mr. Biden announced a series of new federal rules and executive orders. Businesses with more than a hundred employees will have to required vaccinations, or mandate weekly testing for employees. And federal workers and contractors -- along with health care workers in facilities that accept Medicare and Medicaid money -- will all have to get the vaccine. 300,000 federal head start program employees must get vaccinated, some retailers will offer at-home tests kits at cost or at 35% off, community health centers, food banks will offer free home test kits, TSA will double fines for travelers who refuse to wear masks

9/13/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30

If you work for the city of Atlanta, you soon will be required to attend sensitivity training on the culture of members of the LGBTQ community. That is the goal of a piece of city council legislation. The city's police officers are already participating.

9/22/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30

State lawmakers are also looking for solutions to the increasing crime in Atlanta. Members of the senate public safety committee held their first hearing on the problem. The house side has already held a few meetings of their own. Law enforcement officials say there is no one solution.

9/27/21 10P/11P 4:00

The state of Georgia is giving police officers, firefighters and 9-1-1 dispatchers a bonus. Governor Brian Kemp announced the state will use American rescue plan funding to give one-time, one-thousand-dollar supplements to first responders. Alpharetta's department of public safety chief says it comes at an important time.

9/29/21 4P/5P/6P 5:00

Fulton county district attorney Fani Willis announced she and her staff beat a deadline that would have led to the release of suspected murderers and rapists. But, the da says there is still work to be done.

9/29/21 10P/11P 4:00

Nearly 60 people have been killed on Atlanta streets so far this year. That's nearly as many as the total number of traffic fatalities in all of 2020. Among the department of transportation's plans to make the city's streets safer... Reducing the speed limit to just 25 miles per hour.

9/30/21 4P/5P/6P 5:00

Judges will issue a bench warrant if a defendant fails to return to court to answer a charge. In order to protect the public, they instruct a law enforcement officer to go pick the individual up. But Atlanta city council members were stunned to hear this week from the chief municipal judge, that APD is not acting on those warrants, leaving open what that violator might do next.

CRIME AND VIOLENCE

- 7/2/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30
An arrest following the shocking discovery of a young child's body in the Chattahoochee River. A young woman sits in jail facing serious charges. Cobb county firefighters made the gruesome discovery yesterday morning.
- 7/2/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
Dozens of cars have been removed from Atlanta interstates. Usually, a wrecker company takes care of this. But not in this case. Police say thieves see the disabled vehicles and steal them.
- 7/2/21 10P/11P 3:40
Paulding county deputies are trying to find a murderer. The victim was shot to death at his apartment complex.
- 7/2/21 11P 2:00
Another violent crime could have claimed a college student's life. She was in a car along I-20 near the boulevard exit when someone pulled up and fired a gun. She was hit but she' grateful to be alive to tell her terrifying story tonight.
- 7/2/2021 7am/9am 4:00
Man loses thousands in Atlanta rental home scam
- 7/3/21 6P/10P/11P 4:30
A neighborhood on lockdown as police investigate a deadly shooting at a Cobb County country club. Shots were fired at the Pine Tree Country Club near Kennesaw State University. The investigation had forced people living in nearby homes to shelter in place.
- 7/3/21 6P/10P/11P 4:30
Atlanta police are looking for 5 juveniles they say carjacked two people at a southwest Atlanta condo. It happened just after midnight. The victims say they were approached after pulling into the parking garage.
- 7/4/21 10P/11P 3:00
A Kennesaw State football player gunned down. Now police in the Pensacola Florida area are looking for three men wanted for questioning in this gruesome death investigation. Ladarius Clardy was found shot to death Thursday morning after a bicyclist found his car crashed down an embankment.
- 7/5/21 4P/5P/6P 5:00
A dangerous pursuit in the parking lot of "The Mall West End" -- caught on camera. A Georgia state patrol trooper pulled up on some cars doing donuts. That's when one of the drivers decided to try to get away.
- 7/6/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
Crime stoppers has now offered a reward for information in the shooting death of woman and wounding of her mother early this morning. Atlanta police today identified the victims as A'nisha Shavers and her mother, Janean Alicia Baker.
- 7/6/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
A suspect wanted in three counties for entering autos -- is captured in Fayette County. That man led deputies on a high-speed chase and foot pursuit after his car was spotted at a busy shopping center in Fayetteville.
- 7/7/21 4P/5P/6P 4:50
Peachtree City Police have arrested a Fayette County man who is accused in a case of revenge porn. He allegedly secretly recorded a woman he had a consensual relationship with and then threatened to post a video of their encounter online.

7/7/21 5P/6P 3:00
Atlanta police officers are doing what they can to prevent street racers from carrying out dangerous stunts on our streets. And while they have been successful there's another group of riders on their radar and they have a different mode of transportation. Residents have spotted those ATV riders in huge groups around the city. The city council wants to give police some tools to figure out who is behind the wheel.

7/7/21 11P 2:00
Eradicating illegally grown marijuana. That's the mission of the governor's task force drug suppression unit. Agents recently worked with law enforcement in Haralson County searching for marijuana patches.

7/7/21 10P/11P 4:20
We're hearing from one of three people who were shot when two groups of people starting firing at each other. It happened at a pool party inside a Buckhead apartment complex. But the victim wasn't there. He was next door shopping inside the Home Depot when he was hit.

7/8/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30
Police say one of metro-Atlanta's so-called water boys was shot while trying to sell water this afternoon in college park. Police say the 16-year-old was selling water on the side of a busy off-ramp when he was shot multiple times ... In broad daylight. Now police want to track down the gunman.

7/8/21 4P/5P/6P 3:10
A manhunt is underway for in DeKalb County where a gunman took a teenager's life. A 19-year-old man was shot and killed--in front of a food mart. For the victim's grandmother the loss is devastating. Another deadly shooting took place there just a few months ago.

7/8/21 5P/6P 2:20
For the second time this summer, Coweta County deputies say they have made a big fentanyl and meth bust on I-85. they've charged An Alabama man with trafficking in meth and possession of fentanyl.

7/9/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
16 years behind bars. That was the sentence a Dekalb county judge handed down to Reginald Stubbs for driving under the influence and causing a crash that claimed the life of 18-year-old Kennedy Segar. Segar's family says nothing can bring their daughter back but say they did get some semblance of justice.

7/9/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
A Clayton County woman is facing felony charges for allegedly hoarding more than 40 dog and about a dozen cats inside her home. Lake city police arrested the woman. charging her with felony aggravated animal abuse.

7/9/21 5P/6P 4:00
The hunt for the so-called escort thief is over. A woman accused of stealing high-dollar jewelry at the conclusion of a date turned herself in to the authorities. So, last night, she had to make do with jail accommodations instead of a swanky Buckhead hotel where authorities allege, she committed the crimes.

7/12/21 4P/5P/6P 3:30
A house in a Gwinnett County community becomes the scene of a crime. Police say a man and woman are dead after a shooting at a house on Braemore Mill drive. Now, investigators want to know what sparked the gunfire.

7/12/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
Lagrange police are seeking the public help in their investigation of what they call a street brawl. Police tell us it injured a 19-year-old woman outside of a nightclub last week.

7/12/21 10P/11P 4:20
Arson investigators are working alongside park rangers to find out who damaged a monument at Kennesaw Mountain national battlefield park. Other sites were also damaged, and American flags were burned.

7/15/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30
Loved ones of a store clerk murdered during his shift hope a 50 reward will finally lead to an arrest. A gunman shot and killed 23-year-old Elijah Wood inside a gas station in Oconee County back in March.

7/15/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30
A bold crime is caught on home surveillance camera. Sandy springs police want to find a man and woman seen breaking into a house off powers ferry road. The homeowner spoke to the couple and told them to leave. But what the man and woman did next may leave you stunned.

7/15/21 5P/6P 3:00
A Spalding County man is under arrest after police say a camera caught him money in an ATM left by the previous customer who used it. It's called theft of lost or mislaid property and it's a crime in Georgia.

7/15/21 10P/11P 3:30
Family and friends of a man found injured and unresponsive on train tracks hopes whoever responsible will come forward. It happened off piedmont road in the Lindbergh area... and no one has been arrested.

7/14/2021 7am/9am 4:00
National moving scam A Covington woman has her belongings being held hostage. Called police who said it's a national network doing this.

7/19/21 10P/11P 4:20
Fairburn police closed their one and only murder case from last year. The man was wanted on a murder charge... for the death of his own brother back in September. Our cameras were rolling as police took him into custody.

7/21/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
Imagine taking an evening walk through your own neighborhood only to be held up at gunpoint by a crew of robbers. Well, that's exactly what happened to one local couple. It would be bad enough to endure a robbery at gunpoint. But, in this incident, the thief gave a husband and wife a verbal countdown to comply with his demands. The husband said he knew exactly what that terrifying countdown meant, and he handed over his wallet.

7/21/21 10P/11P 4:00
Three people are in jail tonight, facing murder charges in a case out of Henry County. Right now, police are trying to determine if that investigation is connected to two sets of human remains found near a Kroger.

7/21/21 10P/11P 4:20
Athens-Clarke County police are on the lookout for a peeping tom who they say was caught in the act. Witnesses say the man claimed he was looking for someone after he was seen peering in the windows of homes in one neighborhood.

7/26/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
There won't be anyone swimming at Atlanta pools until further notice. City officials say they made the announcement out of an abundance of caution. A family mourns the loss of a teenager boy who was murdered at one of the city's pools.

7/28/21 10P/11P 4:20
A fight at a restaurant costs a Dawson County teenager his life. It happened at the Applebees in Dawsonville. Friends say the fight started over a social media post.

7/28/21 10P/11P 4:00
Gwinnett county police want to figure out how a woman ended up shot to death at yellow river park. Detectives have now asked for the public's help to identify her... And find her killer.

- 7/30/21 4P/5P/6P 6:00
It's a bizarre story we want to tell you about. A Smyrna woman is accused of taking off in a police cruiser. And that's not all. The woman went a step further. And according to arrest warrant ... The woman made a bogus traffic stop on the interstate.
- 7/30/21 5P/6P 3:00
Clayton county police are looking for a man who committed a brazen burglary after smashing into an ATM and took off with all the cash. The bank's surveillance cameras caught the suspect's face.
- 7/30/21 10P/11P 3:30
Several women say a man groped them inside a grocery store. They called police but other shoppers knew the man could get away before cops arrived.
- 8/2/21 4P/5P/6P 6:30
The search is on for a gunman who Holly Springs Police say shot and robbed a Brinks armored truck security guard before running away.
- 8/2/21 11P 2:30
A man wanted by the FBI for armored car robberies is behind bars. He was taken into custody after a car chase and crash. Investigators discussed the cases, which could be connected to the suspect.
- 8/3/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30
Nearly a week has gone by since the brutal killings of Katherine Janness and her dog at Piedmont Park. Tonight, Atlanta police have released surveillance images of possible witnesses to the attack. Police stress the people in the photos are not suspects, but detectives do want to talk them.
- 8/3/21 5P/6P 4:20
Fox 5 has learned that suspended Clayton County Sheriff Victor Hill now faces more charges in the federal case against him. Prosecutors accuse Hill of violating detainees' constitutional rights while holding them inside the Clayton County Jail.
- 8/5/21 4P/5P/6P/10P 6:30
A car thief steals two weapons, high-capacity magazines, a police vest as well as other law enforcement gear out of an Atlanta police officer's personal vehicle. The crime happens as police command warns the average citizen not to leave guns unsecured in the car.
- 8/5/21 10P/11P 2:20
Domestic violence shelters in the area are still seeing an increase in calls for help and that could be a direct result of the Coronavirus. Experts believe from everything that's been happening has led to escalated violence. The head of one local shelter says it's a pandemic within a pandemic.
- 8/6/21 4P/5P/6P 7:00
There are now two men charged in the murder of Secoria Turner. An arrest warrant just obtained by Fox 5 states both men charged in her death have a possible gang-related connection with Rayshard Brooks.
- 8/6/21 4P/5P/6P/10P/11P 8:00
The search is on for two men wanted in a violent Gwinnett County home invasion. Police say the men were armed and demanded money and pistol-whipped the victims last week at a house on Fairway Oaks Drive.
- 8/8/21 10P/11P 4:10
Atlanta Police are working to learn what lead up to a shooting at a popular Buckhead bar that left a man dead. Police tell us the shooting happened at on Roswell Road on Saturday night at the Hide.

- 8/11/21 10P/11P 4:00
More than a dozen people were indicted for allegedly operating a fake charity that used kids to raise money. The indictment claims Georgia Peach Youth Club was using money to fund criminal street gang activity.
- 8/17/21 4P/5P/6P 4:35
The Atlanta Police Dept. has released recordings of calls made to 911 dispatchers in the kidnapping and murder of 27-year-old Mariam Abdulrab.
- 8/18/21 10P/11P 3:20
New tonight in Carroll County five family members have been charged in a horrific case of child abuse. The investigation began when one child escaped.
- 8/22/21 10P/11P 2:25
The search for a killer who gunned down three men in a parking lot at the intersection of Whitehall St. and McDaniel in Southwest Atlanta. Police say this triple homicide has pushed the city's murder count to 103.
- 8/24/21 4P/5P/6P/11P 3:30
Police are searching for the woman who pulled the trigger killing a single mother of five and injuring her brother. It happened this morning at an apartment complex on Thomasville Boulevard.
- 9/1/21 4/5/6P 5:00
An Athens Clarke County man is under arrest for what authorities say was a massive shoplifting case involving more than 70,000 dollars' worth of stolen merchandise. Surveillance video shows Joshua Martin leaving an academy sport with a huge plastic bag of stolen goods.
- 9/1/21 10/11P 4:00
The family of a teen killed in a hit and run is pleading for the driver responsible to come forward. Dekalb county police say it happened on Flat Shoals Road and the driver did not stop.
- 9/3/21 4/5/6P 4:30
A wrong way driver leads deputies on a wild high-speed chase in Coweta County. Deputies say Diego Robles decided to run from the law rather than pullover for what would have been a minor traffic offense.
- 9/3/21 10/11P 4:00
A family's plea for answers. Someone shot and killed a 22-year-old man whose body was found in his own home earlier this week. Relatives say they have no idea who could've done this. They are begging for anyone with information to come forward.
- 9/9/21 10P/11P 3:00
Atlanta police need your help finding the person accused of assaulting and robbing a man, inside the victim's own apartment.
- 9/9/21 10P/11P 4:00
A four-year-old boy is recovering in the hospital after accidentally shooting himself with his father's gun. But just days later- he's surprising everyone with his recovery.
- 9/13/21 4P/5/6P 4:30
A hostage situation in Cobb County turns into an officer involved shooting. It happened at the concord crossing apartments on old concord road, near Smyrna. Authorities say the suspect took one hostage before being killed by police.
- 9/13/21 5P/6P 3:00
We have the video of a Louisiana dad who led Coweta County deputies on a high-speed chase at over 150 miles an hour. And as troubling as that is, deputies say Bryan Hampton's kids were in the car too.

9/15/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30

We're hearing from a deputy responsible for stopping a drunk and dangerous wrong-way driver on interstate 85. Coweta deputy Brittany Doss says the driver was doing everything he could to get away, even if it put others in danger.

9/15/21 11P 2:00

Georgia state lawmakers get an earful from citizens and Atlanta police about rising crime. Recent numbers show an uptick in murders and shootings compared to last year. We look at some of the problems communities and law enforcement are facing.

9/15/21 10P/11P 4:00

Stealing opponents' political signs isn't fair... and it's against the law. When a Clarkston City council candidate's signs started to disappear... He went to the cops. The man arrested is also running for council and he's a police officer.

9/15-17/21 10p/12p/6p 12:03/14:24

For a Cherokee County woman, New Year's Day started with a break-in, a brutal beating and kidnapping then ended with a hero coming to her rescue. Or did it? Turns out, the woman's ex-husband was behind the whole thing – playing the assailant and the rescuing angel. The FOX 5 I-Team discovered the woman was a victim of a growing trend called gaslighting. It involves people playing mind games in order to gain control. In this case, the tables ultimately turned on the hero who has traded his cape for a prison jumpsuit.

9/17/21 5P/6P 3:45

A shocking case of road rage in Clayton County shots ring out on a busy Jonesboro roadway. Police say a truck driver opened fire on another motorist, causing a wreck. Now they are searching for the shooter.

9/17/21 10P/11P 3:30

A Decatur family says they are ready to move after someone fired dozens of shots into their house. No one was injured... But the shooter is still out there tonight. The victims say they do not feel safe.

9/20/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30

A man is behind bars -- accused of murdering a young woman near Lawrenceville. It happened in the early morning hours on prospect church road.

9/20/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30

Police have a new warning about a Tik Tok trend finding its way into several schools in the Atlanta metro area. It's called the "devious lick challenge." some students compete to see how much school property they can break or take. The stunt landed two middle schoolers in Coweta County in handcuffs.

9/22/21 5P/6P 3:00

A plea this evening from a woman desperate to find her father's killer. Police found the 43-year-old man murdered outside his southwest Atlanta apartment last week.

9/24/21 4P/5P/6P 5:00

The parking lot of a DeKalb County liquor store and a street near a hotel have become scenes of a crime. Police want to find the motive behind both crimes. Two shootings took place less than a quarter of a mile apart from each other. Detectives tell us one of them happened at a business on Candler Road and the other took place a short time later near a hotel.

9/24/21 4P/5P/6P 4:30

A Coweta County business has offered a ten thousand reward for information on the person who shot into their offices. "Carl E. Smith and sons building supply" was closed at the time so no one was hurt.

9/24/2021 All hours 2:20

A gunman wanted in connection with a shooting on the 5200 block of Candler Road in DeKalb on Friday morning, was caught on camera opening fire in a liquor store parking lot.

9/27/2021	All hours	1:15	The Atlanta Police Department's Special Victims Unit is seeking the public's assistance as they work to identify a person of interest in a reported rape.
9/27/2021	All hours	1:00	The Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office announced the arrest of Anthony Duane Anderson, who is wanted for a deadly Sept. 2 shooting.
9/27/2021	5am/6am/7am/8am	1:00	The Douglas County Sheriff's Office issued a warning on Monday about con artists using prop money for business transactions.
9/27/2021	5am/6am/7am/8am	2:00	A father said a gunman opened fire on him on Monday morning with his young children in the car along Snapfinger Woods Drive near Wesley Chapel Road.
9/27/21	4P/5P/6P	4:30	A father says a gunman opened fire on him this morning with his young children in the car. It happened on Snapfinger woods near Wesley Chapel Road near Decatur.
9/27/21	4P/5P/6P	5:00	Law enforcement officers closed a county fair this past weekend, after they say multiple fights broke out. Coweta county deputies say they've made four arrests and will charge others. Videos uploaded to a website called Newnan-Coweta scanner shows some of the fights from Saturday night.
9/27/21	10P/11P	3:00	Atlanta police are trying to find a person of interest in a reported rape. That attack happened at Butler Park in the Edgewood community on September 18th.
9/28/21	5P/6P	3:00	An Atlanta mom posts video on social media of a flower deliveryman who, she tells police, attacked her in her own home. The woman says it happened at her Buckhead residence. She says the man pulled a taser on her, after talking his way inside.
9/28	All hours	2:00	Man killed inside car at Dekalb County apartments. Police found the man shot to death inside a white sedan near an intersection at the DeKalb County apartment complex.
9/28/2021	All hours	1:30	Deputies shut down the Coweta County fair after they say multiple fights broke out in one night. Four teenagers have been arrested and two other people are expected to be charged - including a woman who is eight months pregnant.
9/29/2021	5am/6am/7am/8am	1:30	The Fulton County Sheriff's Office said its fugitive unit apprehended Christopher Antwon Colzie who was wanted on charges dating back to 2018.
9/29/2021	All hours	1:40	The GBI is investigating after an officer shot a wanted suspect who was seen carrying a machete in Troup County.
9/29/2021	5am/7am/8am	1:00	The Gwinnett County Police Department said 42-year-old Michael Wilkerson is in Greenville Police custody in connection to the death of 32-year-old Brittany Davis, whose remains were found in Buford in April.

- 9/29/2021 5am/6am/7am/8am :45
A 32-year-old woman said she was attacked by a man claiming to be delivering flowers to her Buckhead home. The incident was caught by home surveillance.
- 9/29/2021 All hours 1:00
An Atlanta carjacking suspect who was armed with a bow and arrow is now in custody after a standoff on a Marietta Road Tuesday morning
- 9/29/2021 All hours 1:00
Have you seen this man? Floyd County deputies say Tobias Fuller is wanted for arson, assault and more and is known for his signature face tattoos.
- 9/29/2021 5am/6am/7am 1:00
A missing Cobb County woman with intellectual difficulties was found in an apartment intoxicated and barely able to stand up, her family says. They plan to pursue kidnapping charges against the stranger she was found with.
- 9/29/2021 All hours 1:00
Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis will give an update on her office's effort to clear a backlog of cases Wednesday as a court deadline looms.
- 9/29/21 10P/11P 4:00
We are getting a look at exclusive video of the moments leading up to an officer involved shooting in DeKalb County. It happened Saturday morning in the parking lot of a gas station on Candler Road.
- 9/30/2021 All hours 1:00
Prosecutors say the man tracked down a complete stranger who had traveled to Atlanta to celebrate a birthday for days, killed him, and then bragged about it on Facebook.
- 9/30/2021 All hours 1:00
Atlanta Police Department statistics show more than 2,000 guns have been recorded stolen this year. Police say these guns are used in violent crime.

FAMILY/YOUTH/STUDENT

- 7/1/2021 5am/7am/9am 2:15
Kennesaw State athlete qualifies for Tokyo Olympics. Will compete in the hammer throw.
- 7/2/2021 6am/8am/10am 2:15
Family rallies around Georgia grandmother in need of kidney.
- 7/5/2021 5am/7am/9am 2:30
Born with Bilateral Multicystic Dysplastic Kidney (MCDK), a congenital condition where the healthy tissue of both kidneys is replaced by cysts, Paisley Rae went into renal failure at birth. At just three days old, Paisley began peritoneal dialysis to filter pollutants from her blood, and her family received the difficult news that a kidney transplant would be her best option for survival. After undergoing dialysis for four years, Paisley received a second chance at life when her dad, Mitch's, kidney was declared a near-perfect match for donation. On Friday, May 21, 2021, the pediatric-trained kidney transplant team at Children's performed Paisley's life-saving kidney transplant.
- 7/6/2021 5am/7am/9am 2:30
Two creative little boys in Kennesaw are changing their neighborhood one dinosaur sized idea at a time.
- 7/8/2021 9am 3:40
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Strong4Life licensed therapist, Jody Baumstein. A little less than one month away from some schools starting. Whether your child went to school in person last year of virtual, the upcoming school

year may bring challenges and stress. I wanted to share with you these tips from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Strong4Life on supporting your child's health and wellness this summer break and preparing them for the year ahead.

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| 7/12/2021 | 10am | 3:30 |
| Mrs. Omilami Hosea Helps Hosts Its Annual Back 2 School Jamboree: Back 2 School Jamboree. The Back 2 School Jamboree was started 16 years ago to provide underserved children with the necessary resources and supplies to be successful in school. This year's event is sponsored by Microsoft and Foot Locker Atlanta and will be a drive-thru event. It will provide more than 1,000 children with free book bags filled with school supplies, shoes from Foot Locker Atlanta, grocery boxes, and other necessities to help them thrive in school | | |
| 7/22/2021 | 10am | 3:30 |
| Wellstar pediatricians Dr. Andrew Doyle and Dr. Hebah Pranckun are available to discuss how families can get ready for school by engaging in proactive dialog around safety and hygiene, emotional and mental wellness, scheduling pediatrician appointments, and more. | | |
| 7/27/2021 | 9am | 3:30 |
| "Kidpreneur" Zoe Oli. In celebration of National Doll Day on August 1st, Zoe has a big goal to donate 1000 dolls. As you know for every doll purchased on our site, we give 1 to a girl in need. We would love an opportunity for her to talk about her journey, running a 6-figure business in the 4th grade and how she wants to make a difference for National Doll Day: A day we want to set aside to celebrate the beauty of young black and brown girls by giving them dolls that look like them. | | |
| 8/3/2021 | 9am | 3:30 |
| George Kamel to talk about money saving tips for college students. | | |
| 8/9/2021 | 5am/7am/9am | 3:30 |
| A Georgia couple dies from the coronavirus within *hours of each other. Now their loved ones in Hampton Georgia are begging anyone who will listen to get the shot. The couple leaves behind two teenagers Miles and Marina. | | |
| 8/16/2021 | 5am7am/9am | 3:30 |
| 4th Grade Gwinnett Student in hospital entire Summer, due to heart surgery Family is in desperate need of financial assistance. Dad also has medical issues and is currently in hospital at Emory. Mom is working as a bartender and taking care of two other children | | |
| 8/26/21 | 10P/11P | 4:10 |
| Tens of thousands of Afghans have already escaped some with the help of US military. Some of them could come to the United States as refugees and they could end up in Georgia. | | |
| 8/27/21 | 4P/5P/6P/10P | 6:00 |
| A 13-year-old Cobb County girl is fighting for change in her school's dress code policy. She's called on her school and the district to make changes to address the policy which she calls sexist. | | |
| 9/2/2021 | 8am | 3:15 |
| Kids & credit cards - There's no better way to tack America's debt problem than teaching our kids how to be more financially responsible. That could mean getting them their own credit card sooner than many of us planned. | | |
| 9/9/2021 | 10am | 3:30 |
| Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention (ERSP) Grant Coordinator and Rachael Holloman, LPC to discuss teen suicide prevention. The purpose of this event is to engage girls ages 13 to 17 in mental health and wellness awareness. Based on recent data, there has been an increase in suicide attempts amongst girls ages 13 to 17. | | |
| 9/14/2021 | 10am | 3:30 |
| Covid-19 and child custody issues. Families are having issues with visitation due to COVID restrictions. What's happening, and what can be done about it. | | |

9/16/2021 9am 3:15

Dr. Stephanie Walsh of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Strong4Life talks Sports and Kids. Child sports are fun and keep you active, but they also teach life lessons like failure. You can't win every game – no matter how hard you try, sometimes you lose. It's important that kids understand that failure is a positive thing because it leaves opportunity for learning and there's nothing to be ashamed about.

9/21/2021 9am 3:00

Stigma says that having a nanny is for the rich and famous – a “bougie” form of childcare. But the reality is that for many two-income families, balancing careers and starting a family requires outside help. And sometimes having a nanny is more affordable than traditional daycare. Christy Wright is a bestselling author, business coach, and speaker. More importantly, she's the mother of three young children. In her new book, Take Back Your Time: The Guilt-Free Guide to Life Balance, she talks directly to people who find themselves stretched too thin, and she empowers them to discover what balance really means.

9/23/2021 5am/7am/9am 2:20

Disabled athlete competes in half marathon: The Carrollton half marathon is this Saturday. Participants have had some extra time to prepare since the race was cancelled last year due to covid. Now Lizzie Kirksey is ready to roll and hopefully qualify for an even bigger race

Wednesday's Child

07/14/21 6PM 2:03

Shiloh

We introduce you to a teenager who loves sports but also thrives behind the computer screen programing games. Shiloh says he would love to share his talents with a new mom and dad.

07/28/21 6PM 1:23

Spencer

We introduce you to a teenager who has always had a passion for trains, and he finally got a chance to board one. Spencer says his dream is to take a ride with his forever family one day.

08/11/21 6PM 1:51

Siblings

We introduce you to two teenage brothers who are living apart in foster care. Marcellous and Shaidale hope to one day be adopted together.

08/25/21 6PM 1:28

Pagie

We introduce you to a teenager who hopes it is her time to get adopted. Pagie focuses on art to cope with the challenges of foster care.

09/08/21 6PM :55

Gary

We introduce you to a new high schooler who dreams of having a family before he graduates. It's one of many goals Gary has after dealing with the ups and downs of being in foster care.

09/22/21 6PM 1:45

Lance

Wednesday's child Lance has big dreams of becoming a pro baseball player. We spent time with him at the LEAD Center for youth and learned about his dreams of also having forever family watching him from the sidelines.

Georgia Gang

7/4/21

8:30AM

Georgia's Public Health State of Emergency officially ended at Midnight Thursday, nearly 16 months after the state's first confirmed case of coronavirus. We spoke exclusively with Governor Brian Kemp just hours before the state's Public Health State of Emergency was set to expire. Data from the Georgia Department of Public Health showed a little more than 400 new confirmed coronavirus cases Wednesday, down from the state's peak of more than 6,000 in a single day back in January. Governor Kemp: "Our cases are down 92%. Hospitalizations remain below 500 at one point they were all around 5,000. So, we have a lot of bandwidth out there, so we don't need the Public Health State of Emergency anymore." Governor Kemp says at this point in the pandemic, Georgians know what to do to protect themselves: get vaccinated or for those without their shots, wear a mask and social distance.

Members of the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a resolution Tuesday to remove all confederate statues from the U.S. Capitol, that would include one from Georgia of Alexander Hamilton Stephens, who served as Vice President of the Confederacy. All of Georgia's Democratic representatives voted for the resolution, while Republicans voted against it, though Congressman Buddy Carter and Jody Hice did not cast votes. There has been talk for the last year about Georgia replacing the Stephens statue with one of the late Congressman John Lewis.

7/11/21

8:30AM

Atlanta Police Chief Rodney Bryant addressed the fears of residents who are worried about their safety after more deadly shootings this week. Bryant tried to calm fears as he took questions from reporters over the violent crime that is happening across the city. Homicides are up 45 percent compared to the same time last year. Despite the numbers, Bryant says the majority of the murders are not random crimes. Bryant: "The majority of these people know each other, very few stranger-to-stranger homicides." Chief Bryant says he plans to hire 200 more officers over the next 12 months.

The so-called 'water boys' continue to be an issue. Although it's illegal for them to be on street corners selling water, police can't be everywhere all the time, especially when they're short staffed. And yet, another one of these teens was shot this week. This is an ongoing problem as crime is the number one issue in the Atlanta mayor's race. The Upper Westside CID and the Northwest Community Alliance are sponsoring a candidate forum, and so far former Mayor Kasim Reed is not expected to attend. There will be several of these forums all over Atlanta.

7/18/21

8:30AM

The best players in baseball took their show to Coors Field this week, a tangible consequence of Democratic and corporate opposition to Georgia's new election law. Governor Kemp used the occasion to make a political point, and President Biden joined that fight in earnest this week. With some nine million dollars in his war chest, Governor Kemp says his re-election campaign is about the future, hoping former President Trump's supporters will let bygones be bygones and credit his defense of election reforms that Democrats call voter suppression. Kemp: "Here's my commitment, secure, accessible, fair elections will always remain a foundation of who we are as a state. And I'm not backing down from this fight." Three different ads from the RNC, a conservative group, and the Republican Senate Campaign, helped reinforce the message during the All-Star Game. President Biden countered this week that Republican legislatures across the country, including Georgia's, are the ones doing the taking. Biden says: "This is election subversion. It's the most dangerous threat to voting and the integrity of free and fair elections in our history." "They want to make it so hard and inconvenient that they don't vote at all - that's what this is about." Some 150 U.S. companies, including big ones like Pepsi, Amazon, and Target, signed onto a letter supporting an update to the Voting Rights Act.

Vaccinations are slowing down in Georgia and across the South. Governor Kemp says: "The people who haven't gotten vaccinated just don't have a lot of trust in the government. And I certainly understand that."

First Lady Jill Biden says: "We're not done yet. And right now, only 44% of Georgia residents have had at least one shot. And that's just not enough." Vaccinations are slowing down as the Delta variant spreads, and politics certainly seems to be one of the reasons why. Conservatives reacted angrily to President Biden's comment earlier this month

that we need to go door-to-door to encourage people to get vaccinated. The administration clarified that the door knockers will be local volunteers, not government employees, but the battle lines are drawn.

7/25/21 8:30AM

Crime in Atlanta was once again in the spotlight this week as a state house committee held their first hearing on the issue and top state officials rolled out their proposals to reign it in. "If we want to keep things in context and compare it to 2019, our numbers are down 11 percent compared to 2019." Assistant Atlanta Police Chief Todd Coyt tries to temper the city's crime numbers as he testifies in front of the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee Monday. The latest Atlanta police data supports Coyt's claim that overall crime stats are down since the spring and since this time in 2019 with fewer rapes, robberies, and burglaries, but murders, aggravated assaults and auto thefts are up. Assistant Chief Coyt attributes some of the crime to easy access to guns. So far this year, he says criminals have stolen more than eleven hundred guns from people's cars. "If that person leaves that gun in their vehicle. They should have some type of lockbox or safe." But, Republican lawmakers, like Clint Crowe of Jackson, pushed back on restrictions for gun owners. The committee plans to hold more hearings, but in the meantime, House Speaker David Ralston announced a plan of his own. The speaker's proposal would add 75 million dollars in funding to increase the number of state troopers in the city of Atlanta and offer grants to local police departments to give their officers a one-time one-thousand-dollar bonus. Ralston's plan would also dedicate more funding to mental health crisis beds. Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan also announced a plan this week to offer \$250 million in state tax credits for people and corporations that donate money to their local law enforcement agencies to hire additional officers, increase their pay or provide them with training.

8/1/21 8:30AM

Governor Kemp says no to mandates, but the mayors of Atlanta and Savannah are telling folks to mask up, even if you're vaccinated. This all comes as covid cases are on the rise, thanks to the delta variant. Governor Kemp said, "This week the biggest obstacle to getting more people vaccinated and the country returning to normal is the mixed messages from Washington DC, and those with partisan agendas. I would say some of this mixed messaging is coming from the CDC which really has had a communications problem. I read where they are absolutely urging people to get the vaccine, but then the CDC Director said we could be two variants away from the vaccine not working. That doesn't give folks much confidence to get out and get shots, and on top of that, they have to mask up in some places." Mayor Bottoms defended her decision on the indoor mask mandate saying, "Public health experts overwhelmingly agree, and data has proven, that wearing a face covering helps slow the spread of this deadly virus." Some parents are protesting the mask mandates because a lot of the data shows covid doesn't impact kids as seriously as adults. Some schools are making masks optional.

8/8/21 8:30AM

This week, as covid cases continue to rise, thanks to the Delta variant, some Republican lawmakers called on Governor Kemp to take action against mask mandates in Georgia's public schools. Senator Burt Jones said, "I'm getting calls from parents and teachers who don't want to be forced to do a mask mandate, they would rather choose." Senator Jones wrote a letter to Governor Kemp this week, urging him to call for a special session so legislators can prohibit mask mandates in schools. Governor Kemp says mandates don't work; "We need to trust people to do the right thing at the local level, I've been a local control governor when it comes to our school systems. The choice of the parents and that's what I support." In Atlanta, Mayor Bottoms mentioned the city could go back to phase two restrictions – which would mean staying home except for essential trips and only essential city offices would be open. Mayor Bottoms said, "With the surge in the Delta variant, we've gone backwards. We've always said we would follow the data." Mayor Bottoms has already re-issued the city's mask mandate.

According to Georgia's Public Health website, more than four million Georgians are fully vaccinated. There are people who don't want to get vaccinated, but not even five thousand of the four million people fully vaccinated tested positive for covid, 118 out of four million hospitalized, 24 have died. Those are some convincing numbers if you're on the fence about the vaccine. Some Atlanta-based companies are requiring masks again, some even mandating vaccines including Cox Enterprises, and CNN fired three employees for going into the office unvaccinated.

8/15/21 8:30AM

As covid cases continue to rise in Georgia, thanks to the Delta variant, Georgia leaders across the state are trying to come up with ways to combat the virus. Rob Pitts said, "This is very serious; it's a matter of life and death and it's a

matter of making changes to fight this pandemic.” Fulton County could be the first county in Georgia to mandate employees get the covid vaccine or be tested every 48 hours. Just over half of Fulton County’s employees are vaccinated, despite being offered 150-dollar incentives to get the shots. Meanwhile, in Cobb County Schools where masks are optional, thousands of parents signed a petition for a mask mandate. Mask opponents also turned out at the Cobb County School Board meeting saying parents should have the option to decide what’s best for their kids. It appears there’s no easy answer here for schools.

A major issue in Georgia is crime. This week, Governor Kemp urged business leaders at a chamber luncheon to get involved and demand better funding for law enforcement. We’ve seen the business community step up on other issues. During a mayoral candidate forum this week, both former mayor Kasim Reed and council member Antonio Brown said they support the idea of a new police training facility but not the proposed location.

New numbers are in when it comes to Georgia’s census count as lawmakers get ready to draw new district lines. The state’s population grew by 10 percent to 10.7 million people. The number of African American jumpers by 13%, the white population fell 1%. But the state’s Asian population grew by 53% and the Hispanic population increased 32 percent. Legislators will be drawing new congressional districts along with state house and senate districts based on these numbers, and Republicans are in charge.

8/22/21 **8:30AM**

Governor Brian Kemp comes down on local officials who want to impose more covid restrictions on businesses. Kemp said, “There are some across our state who want to go back into lockdown mode. They want to close businesses, enact new restrictions and force businesses to upend their operations.” Kemp signed an executive order that prevents local elected officials from forcing businesses to enact covid restrictions including vaccine and mask mandates. He says businesses could still choose to enact restrictions but shouldn’t be forced to do so. “I trust hard working Georgians to know what is best for themselves, their families and their employees.” In a tweet, Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms posted a picture of the governor with a caption saying, “the gift that keeps on giving.” Mayor Bottoms and Savannah Mayor Van Johnson doubled down on their restrictions.

This week, Georgia hit a covid milestone with its one millionth case since the beginning of the pandemic. Governor Kemp says state offices will be closed the Friday before Labor Day to encourage state employees to get their covid shots. There was some success in Dekalb County where it gave out \$100 gift cards to those who showed up to get a covid shot, and there was a huge turnout.

8/29/21 **8:30AM**

UGA football icon Herschel Walker has thrown his hat in the ring as a Republican for the US Senate. In his first campaign video, he introduced himself as a conservative, highlighting his small-town roots and distaste for partisan politics: “The politicians pit American vs. American, rich vs. poor, Black vs. White, urban vs. rural, I don’t believe in that garbage.” His name no doubt makes him the Republican frontrunner, but the first-time candidate will have to get through the GOP primary. Governor Kemp: “Herschel has always brought a lot on the playing field, we’ve got a lot of great Republicans, stay focused of Biden’s administration.” Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black is also in the Republican race along with Latham Saddler and Kelvin King. All want to defeat incumbent Senator Raphael Warnock.

9/5/21 **8:30AM**

Some surprising new this week when it comes to covid vaccine drives in Georgia. The state’s top public health official says healthcare workers are being harassed while trying to help others. Many of the line workers who are doing these vaccinations are receiving threats, harassing emails. So much so, Dr. Kathleen Toomey says one vaccination site had to shut down in North Georgia. This as 95% of the patients hospitalized are unvaccinated. Governor Kemp announced this week that he’ll deploy another 2500 National Guard Troops to help out hospitals that are overwhelmed.

9/12/21 **8:30AM**

After months of debate and more than 17 hours of public comment, the Atlanta City Council overwhelmingly decides to move forward with a police and fire training facility. Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms: “This is something that can’t wait, and I’m not going to put that burden on a new mayor.” Bottoms stood alongside the city’s police and fire chiefs, applauding the decision. In a 10-4 vote, the Atlanta City Council voted in favor of leasing a swath of land

in Dekalb County to the Atlanta Police Foundation. The move means plans to build this new public safety training campus for the City of Atlanta can now move forward. Opponents say they would like to see more money set aside for community support rather than more law enforcement training. Mayor Bottoms: “They will be given the most up-to-date training, not to serve as warriors in our communities but to serve as guardians. The foundation will build the facility on 85 acres of land; the remaining 265 acres will be a greenspace with public access.

Lenox Mall is out with a new policy this week. Teens must be accompanied by parents if they want to go to the mall after 3pm. There is a plan in place to enforce this. Every little bit helps because Lenox has had several violent crimes committed on its property, a lot of them in parking lots. This new policy will hopefully make a difference.

Delta Airlines’ plan to get more employees vaccinated appears to be working. Delta announced two weeks ago that employees not vaccinated would have to pay a \$200 monthly health insurance surcharge. Almost 80% of employees are vaccinated.

9/19/21

8:30AM

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis did not mince words when she went before the commission begging for more money to help work through thousands of criminal cases where the clock is ticking. DA Willis: “I’m coming to you begging... nothing for Fani Willis, everything for my community.” DA Willis gives her own closing arguments about the need for more money to hire more personnel to deal with a backlog of more than 18,000 CASES. She blames that backlog on the pandemic and her former predecessor Paul Howard. Willis described the situation as a crisis that would force her to let accused killers, rapist and child molesters out of jail on bond. DA Willis: “What happens if I don’t get what I need? We skip steps and we’re all in danger, I’m not supposed to say that but that’s the truth.” In the end, the Fulton County Commission heard Willis loud and clear. In a unanimous vote, commissioners approved another five million dollars for the DA’S office, allowing her to hire an additional 55 people.

In the feasibility study for a City of Buckhead, many of the proponents view crime as one of the main issues to break off from the City of Atlanta. They want more policing and more arrests. But, all of the people arrested in a proposed City of Buckhead will still have to go through the Fulton County Justice System where there’s a massive backlog. A lot of folks have questions about start-up costs and the financial loss to the City of Atlanta. Bill White said this was a study about the City of Buckhead, not Atlanta. Even so, he says a Buckhead city would have a slight impact on the City of Atlanta.

9/26/21

8:30AM

This week, Governor Brian Kemp joined other Republican governors requesting a meeting with President Biden about the border crisis. Governor Kemp says the Biden administration’s policies at the southern border are not working. He signed a letter, with more than two dozen other republican governors, to request a meeting with the President about the crisis. The latest wave of immigrants is largely people from Haiti, some of them are being loaded onto planes and deported back to their home country. The GOP letter to President Biden started with Governors Doug Ducey of Arizona and Greg Abbott of Texas. This was a big campaign issue for Governor Kemp during his first campaign, and the problems at the border aren’t going away. This is going to be a big campaign issue for Republicans next year, especially in Georgia.

In a Senate Public Safety Committee hearing this week, law enforcement leaders pitched the idea of mandatory sentencing for some violent crimes in Georgia. Some Georgia police chiefs say in order to cut down on repeat offenders, there should be some type of mandatory minimum sentence if a criminal uses a firearm or a knife when they commit a crime. State Senator Kim Jackson said she has some concerns about mandatory sentencing, that it could just lead to mass incarcerations.

Crime is the biggest issue in the City of Atlanta right now, but how does the issue of corruption play into this mayor’s race? Radio host Frank Ski asked several mayoral candidates about the issue of federal investigations. Antonio Brown is under federal indictment for fraud; he says he’ll be vindicated. Former Mayor Kasim Reed said he’s not under federal investigation, but as several of his opponents were quick to point out, his administration created the largest federal investigation at city hall.

SPECIALS

THE NEXT ATLANTA (episode #10)

7/21/21

7:00-7:30pm

This is a painful time for our country. Injustice & inequality are just some of the challenges we face. Nobody knows exactly what THE NEXT ATLANTA will look like, but we need to talk about it. "Rising Crime in Atlanta" on THE NEXT ATLANTA.

DEIDRA DUKE REPORTS

8/2&7/21

7:00-7:30pm

Anchor/Reporter Deidra Dukes' Report will center on an in-depth exploration of how education will change as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic as public schools across North Georgia begin the new academic year.

**Community Affairs
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MUST Ministries Summer Lunch Program

Thousands of children who normally eat free and reduced cost lunches at school are home during the summer with little or no food. Most are children of minimum wage workers who must leave their young ones in the care of a neighbor or older child.

This critical situation is overcome in part with the effective MUST Summer Lunch Program. Every weekday for 9 weeks, sack breakfast and lunches are packed, and hand delivered to targeted locations suggested by school counselors throughout the area. Cherokee, Cobb, Douglas, Fulton, Paulding, and Gwinnett counties are all in the Summer Lunch network where staff, volunteers and donors bring daily meals to grateful children.

As the exclusive television sponsor, FOX 5 Helping Hands provided an extended PSA schedule, website presence, social media, and related stories by an Anchor. The Summer Lunch program provided more than 540,000 meals.