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Economy

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ATL 98.7 News	10/5/20	7:00am	1:00	Regal Cinemas could be temporarily shutting down theaters across the US this week. They began reopening its doors in July but last month the company reported a loss of more than one and a half billion dollars in the first half of 2020 with revenue tanking 67%.
ATL 98.7 News	10/13/20	6:00am	1:00	Amazon prime day deals are now live. The sale runs through Wednesday, October 14. Analysts expect the annual event to net profits. Prime day is usually in the summer but amazon delayed it due to the pandemic.
ATL 98.7 News	10/14/20	8:00am	1:00	The Lupton City Mill site is one step closer to being demolished. Last night city council members approved a clean up and remediation project for the site. This was its first reading. The project would cost one point four million dollars if approved. The Lupton City Mill site has been the topic of discussion for more than a decade. City Council will make a final decision next week.
ATL 98.7 News	10/23/20	7:00am	1:00	Americans are expected to spend less this holiday season then in the past. That's according to the new National Retail Federation annual survey. Researchers found on average people planned to spend a little more than 900 hundreds on gifts, food and other necessities for the holidays. That's 50 dollars less than last year. The NRF says that's mainly because people are hesitant to use seasonal sales and promotions to purchase items that will not be gifts.
ATL 98.7 News	11/20/20	6:00am	1:00	Soddy-Daisy is now looking for a new city manager after council members voted to fire Janice Cagle from the position last night. According to newly appointed councilman Steve Evertt Cagle misused her power during her time in office. The city recorder, Burt Johnson will serve as a the interim city manager.
Issues Chattanooga	11/22/20	4:45am	15:00	Taylor Newman, who owns Crystal Air and is a small business developer in Chattanooga, and is now founder of Aviation Hamilton County School Program. He wants to expose aviation to the students in the Hamilton County schools and educate them on the opportunities aviation provides.

ATL 98.7 News 11/25/20 8:00am 1:00 In an effort to give back to employees the city of Chattanooga is discussing giving city workers one-time supplemental fund. City leaders say this would cost 1.7 million dollars and come out of 2.5 million dollars of reimbursement from the state CARES act. This could impact police, firefighters, public works-anyone who works with the city part time or full time. If the proposal is approved council members discussed getting the money to employees by December 18th just before the holidays.

ATL 98.7 News 11/27/20 7:00am 1:00 Auto parts supply company, Gestamp, is creating 260 jobs in Hamilton County over the next five years. The company is investing 94.7 million dollars to expand operations at its Chattanooga plants. This is the third time Gestamp has expanded its operations over the last decade. Gestamp provides structural metal stampings and welded assemblies to automotive original equipment manufacturers. The company has more than 100 plants worldwide.

ATL 98.7 News 12/18/20 6:00am 1:00 Erlanger Health System's Board of Trustees just approved a raise for all eligible employees. A spokesperson with the hospital says this is a permanent raise not a one time bonus. Right now it isn't clear how much the pay increase will be but the board of trustees says it will not exceed more than 6.5 million dollars in total cost.

ATL 98.7 News 12/21/20 8:00am 1:00 President Trump signs a one-day government funding bill, averting a government shutdown. This happened shortly before midnight. This legislation will fund the government through the day as lawmakers continue to work on a long-term bill that includes a coronavirus relief package.

Education

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ATL 98.7 News	10/1/20	6:00am	1:00	We are less than 5 weeks away from the November election but we are seeing a major shakeup here in Hamilton County. The County Election Commission has voted to terminate the man in charge of elections. Through an open records request we received a 10 page HR report detailing complaints from employees regarding Administrator Kerry Steelman. The final page of the report says Steelman is quote unfit to serve in this capacity and should be removed from his position immediately.
Issues Chattanooga	10/4/20	4:45am	15:00	Chris Jones, who represents the Fund for Excellence for the Hamilton County Department Education students, talked to us about the Kids First Coupon Books. She discussed how necessary the funding is for the education of the HCDE students.
ATL 98.7 News	10/5/20	7:00am	1:00	Today President Trump continues to be treated for the coronavirus. Those closest to him say the president is eager to get back to work at the White House. Sunday morning the president's doctors revealed he might be able to leave Walter Reed Medical Center as early as today.
ATL 98.7 News	10/7/20	6:00am	1:00	A new proposal from Scott Cepicky, a Tennessee State Representative, would replace preparation for end-of-year tests with more time to learn new material. This comes after the state reported that learning loss for some students could be as high as 50% due to the pandemic. Cepicky proposal would allow new material to be taught during the last two months of school. This would replace preparation for end-of-year assessments in March. However the proposal would not make the school year last any longer.
ATL 98.7 News	10/7/20	7:00am	1:00	Tennessee election officials adjust the rules for how some first-time voters seeking to vote by mail can provide identifying documents. New instructions come after a federal judge blocked a law requiring first-time voters to vote at the polls or show an ID at the local election office to vote absentee. The secretary of state's website says voters who registered by mail now must submit a copy of their ID when they return their absentee ballot.
ATL 98.7 News	10/7/20	8:00am	1:00	With early voting in Georgia set to begin in less than a week a federal judge is still considering a request by voting integrity activists to sideline the state's new touchscreen voting machines in favor of hand

marked paper ballots. Activists say a recently discovered glitch bolsters their arguments that the machines are unreliable. However the state says a software fix has been distributed and urged the judge not to order changes so close to an election.

ATL 98.7 News 10/8/20 6:00am 1:00 Hamilton County schools have been in session for 9 weeks and while regular staff absences can take a toll on the classroom now absences due to COVID-19 are leaving even more spots to fill. Nearly 38 teachers and staff at the Howard School were not in class on Wednesday. Staff from the central office were called to fill in to ensure students were still able to learn. These absences shed a new light on the need for teachers and substitutes. The school board chairman says there's a teaching shortage across the nation but he says Hamilton County is working hard to fill those openings.

ATL 98.7 News 10/12/20 7:00am 1:00 The State of Georgia is officially recounting its 5 million ballots for the 2020 presidential election by hand. This is called a "risk limiting audit" It has to be completed by November 20th. That's the deadline for the state's election results to be certified. At that point if the difference between candidates is within a "half of a person". The losing candidate can ask for an official recount. That would be completed electronically.

ATL 98.7 News 10/12/20 8:00am 1:00 Hamilton County Schools is tracking the 5 day trend of active cases in the county. This morning their online Phase Tracker shows schools are creeping toward the transition stage between Phase 3 and 2. This could mean a return to hybrid learning if the number of COVID-19 cases keep going up.

ATL 98.7 News 10/12/20 6:00am 1:00 Two McMinn County Schools are closed the rest of the week due to a quote" significant" rise in the number of COVID-19 cases. McMinn County officials say Niota Elementary School is closed for students and teachers. There will not be online learning these two days. McMinn County High School is also be closed. Officials say there in no virtual learning today bet students can expect to learn remotely Friday.

ATL 98.7 News 10/14/20 7:00am 1:00 Most of Alabama's colleges are dropping their ACT and SAT test requirements for admission next year. University officials say it is to protect the health of students and to help ease the challenges they face as testing sites are now reduced to 25%. Instead of using these exams students below a #.0 must submit additional material like letters of recommendation sample writing or essay. Several other schools across the country are waining these tests.

ATL 98.7 News 10/23/20 8:00am 1:00 Tennessee's governor and education commissioner do not want teachers and students held accountable for test result. Governor Bill Lee says testing would still happen but only to gauge learning loss from the pandemic. Tennessee Education Commissioner Penny Schwinn says they are mainly seeing learning loss among young students who were already falling behind. Governor Lee is working on the proposal with the General Assembly.

ATL 98.7 News 10/26/20 6:00am 1:00 Early voting this year has now surpassed that of the 2016 election. That year about 58.3 million Americans cast their ballots. This year's total is now just above that and we still have more than week to go until Election Day. You have until Friday to cast your ballot early in Georgia. In Tennessee early voting ends Thursday.

ATL 98.7 News 10/27/20 7:00am 1:00 Judge Amy Coney Barrett is heading to the Supreme Court. Voting along party lines the Senate confirmed by a narrow 52-48 majority last night. The only lawmaker to cross party lines was Senator Susan Collins. She voted with democrats because she says it's too close to the election to consider a nominee. The 48 year old is the third justice nominated by President Trump.

ATL 98.7 News 10/27/20 8:00am 1:00 Tennessee's Senate race for Senator Lamar Alexander's seat is heating up. Both Republican Bill Hagerty and Democrat Marquita Bradshaw tout endorsement from their party affiliated presidential candidates. Hagerty served as part of President Trump's transition team in 2016 and as the U.S. ambassador to Japan. Bradshaw is the first black woman to secure a statewide nomination in Tennessee. Republicans have held both Senate seats in Tennessee since 1994.

ATL 98.7 News 11/5/20 6:00am 1:00 Four schools are closed this morning for COVID-19 cleaning in Hamilton County. Calvin Donaldson Environmental Academy, Sale Creek middle High and East Ridge Elementary will attend classes online. Brown Middle School will be remote for the rest of the week.

ATL 98.7 News 11/6/20 7:00am 1:00 State officials say Tennessee has easily broken the 2008 record for voter turnout. More than 3 million ballots were cast in this year's November general election. The Secretary of State's office says the turnout represents more than 68% of registered voters.

ATL 98.7 News 11/10/20 8:00am 1:00 Starting today Walker Valley High School moves to virtual learning. Students will return to in person classes Friday. Bradley County Schools says this is due to an increase in COVID-19 cases and contact tracing measures. The school system didn't specify how many cases the school is seeing right now.

ATL 98.7 News 11/12/20 6:00am 1:00 Two McMinn County Schools are closed the rest of the week due to a quote "significant" rise in the number of COVID-19 cases. McMinn County officials say Niota Elementary School is closed for students and teachers. There will not be online learning these two days. McMinn County High School is also be closed. Officials say there in no virtual learning today but students can expect remotely Friday.

ATL 98.7 News 11/16/20 7:00am 1:00 With the Wednesday deadline approaching millions of ballots still need to be checked by hand in Georgia's risk limiting ballot audit. Several counties in our area took a break Sunday but will resume work this morning. In Catoosa County more than 33 thousand votes are left at count. Walker Count officials say they have over 29 thousand left. As of this morning approximately 50 counties have completed their work.

ATL 98.7 News 11/16/20 8:00am 1:00 A new stimulus bill could be in the works. New York Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand called on Senate Majority Leader Mitch Mcconnall to put a robust COVID-19 relief bill on the senate floor as soon as possible. Schumer says even President Trump wants COVID-19 bill. The Chair of the Federal Reserve also endorsed an economic stimulus plan last week. The relief package is to help the unemployed, renters, homeowners, small businesses, state and local government, health care institutions and schools.

ATL 98.7 News 11/20/20 6:00am 1:00 We're learning new details from Georgia's audit of the presidential election. According to the final report election officials found a .1% variation in the statewide total count. The results show Joe Biden received 12 thousand 284 more votes than President Trump. The state must now certify its election results by the end of the day. Then the Trump campaign can request a recount.

ATL 98.7 News 11/23/20 7:00am 1:00 The state of Georgia is set to conduct another recount of its presidential ballots after the Trump campaign requested one yesterday. This comes after the state completed a statewide audit and certified the results of

Friday confirming Joe Biden won Georgia. The secretary of state says the Trump campaign is allowed to ask for another recount after certification since the margin is still less than 5%.

Issues Chattanooga 11/29/20 4:45am 15:00 A representative from the Hamilton County Department of Education discussed the challenges and reward of students who are participating in virtual school. She also discussed how they are staying on top of sanitizing the schools, communication between the school system and the parents and what the students can do to stay healthy during the Christmas break.

ATL 98.7 News 12/1/20 6:00am 1:00 This morning Hamilton County Schools announced they are moving to a Phase 2 schedule beginning next week. This means all grade levels will move to Hybrid learning starting December 7th through December 18th. The school system says A group will attend school on campus on Monday and Tuesdays. The B group will attend school on site Thursdays and Fridays. Both will participate in remote learning on Wednesdays. The school system says December 18th was already approved as a learning day for students.

ATL 98.7 News 12/1/20 8:00am 1:00 The Murray County School system is transitioning some of its students to "distance learning". The school system says middle and high school students will make the switch on December 3rd. Elementary students will move into distance learning on December 17th through December 18th. All schools will return to in person classes on January 5th.

ATL 98.7 News 12/3/20 6:00am 1:00 Hamilton County Schools will pilot a new rapid COVID-19 testing program through the Tennessee Department of Health. The district says the new test will help school districts implement COVID-19 testing in their facilities. Results will be provided on site within around 20 minutes. The testing program is scheduled to begin on Friday and will be conducted in phases. The district says symptomatic staff at middle schools in Hamilton County Schools will be tested first.

ATL 98.7 News 12/4/20 7:00am 1:00 Hamilton County Department of Education is asking parents for their input about the phase schedule for the Spring. They are asking parents if they would support a phased A-B schedule in January. They are also showing parents and students a potential schedule for the Spring. The school district says at last check a total of 613 students have tested positive at some point during the school year.

ATL 98.7 News 12/8/20 8:00am 1:00 Cleveland City
Schools will be virtual next week. This comes after a rise in COVID-19 cases within the school system following Thanksgiving. The director of schools, Russell Dyer says all Cleveland High School students currently have computers to be used at home. Dyer says they anticipate an order of MacBook Air device to arrive for middle school students soon. Meals will be delivered to bus stop locations on Monday and Wednesday. There will be no after school activities for elementary schools.

ATL 98.7 News 12/9/20 6:00am 1:00 Dade County schools
are canceling classes at all schools through the Christmas holiday. The school says this is due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in the community. They say the last day for students at Dade and Davis Elementary and Dade Middle will be Friday. Dade County High School students will take their exams virtually next week.

ATL 98.7 News 12/10/20 7:00am 1:00 Bradley Central High
School is switching to virtual learning for the rest of this week due to COVID-19. As of December 4th Bradley County Schools reported 11 active cases at Bradley Central and 70 people were quarantined. Those who want to receive school meals can pick them up at the bus ramp under the cafeteria awning from 10:00am until noon today and tomorrow.

ATL 98.7 News 12/11/20 8:00am 1:00 As the number of
COVID-19 cases sky-rocket Hamilton County Schools will move to Phase 1 starting Monday. Data shows staff and student cases doubled from October to November. Superintendent Dr. Bryan Johnson says before schools can open their doors as normal there needs to be community changes to allow for a safe return. Phase 1 starts Monday and runs through Friday December 18th.

ATL 98.7 News 12/14/20 6:00am 1:00 Hamilton County
schools move to Phase 1, which means virtual learning for all students. The district says due the rise in CVOVID-19 cases students will finish the semester with at-home learning.

ATL 98.7 News 12/15/20 7:00am 1:00 Several schools in our
area are either closing or moving to virtual learning as COVID-19 cases rise in the community. In a letter to parents Whitfield County's superintendent says Christmas break will now start tomorrow for high schoolers. Dayton City Schools are now closed for the reset of the semester. Meanwhile Bradley County and Sequatchis County schools will finish the semester online. That

starts today for Bradley County students while Sequatchie County students move to virtual learning tomorrow.

ATL 98.7 News 12/15/20 8:00am 1:00 Early voting is underway in Georgia for two senate runoff elections that could mean major changes in Washington. Democrats Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock are challenging incumbent GOP David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler. The races weren't called in November's elections because no one received more than 50% of the vote in either contest. Early voting ends December 31st and election day is January 5th.

ATL 98.7 News 12/18/20 6:00am 1:00 Hamilton County Schools Superintendent Dr. Bryan Johnson just tested positive for COVID-19. The district says he's currently experiencing k9ld symptoms and is in good spirits. This morning he's under quarantine. School officials say he'll continue to lead the district remotely.

ATL 98.7 News 12/18/20 7:00am 1:00 The Hamilton County Health Department just reported six new COVID-19 deaths bringing to death toll to 229. Thursday also marked the third day in a row with at least 500 new cases. Right now there are more than 38 hundred active cases in the county.

Crime

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ATL 98.7 News	10/1/20	7:00am	1:00	Chattanooga police are investigating a shooting on 23 hundred block of Windsor Street and 900 block of Dodson Avenue that left 2 people injured Wednesday night. A spokesperson for the department says the 2 people injured appeared to be from the same incident. Police are still working to gather more information.
ATL 98.7 News	10/6/20	6:00am	1:00	A man is shot and several cars and a home were hit by bullets after a shooting on Tunnel Boulevard. Police say a car and home had been damaged by bullets. Nearly a mile away police found another vehicle damaged by bullets on Brainerd Road. Police say they were told that the second car had been driven there from Tunnel Boulevard. CPD says the man was shot inside one of the cars and has a non-life-threatening injury.
ATL 98.7 News	10/7/20	8:00am	1:00	Judge Justin Angel from Bradley County was to reside over the Miranda Cheatham case. He has recused himself. She was sentenced to 18 years in April 2019 for killing her husband James Cheatham in 2016. Cheatham alleges District Attorney Steve Crump was blackmailed into securing a murder conviction against her. This year she filed a motion for a new trial. Judge Angel says quote "accepted the appointment without knowledge of the case and discovered a potential conflict".
ATL 98.7 News	10/9/20	7:00am	1:00	One person is in critical condition after a double shooting on North Orchard Knob Avenue. A spokesperson for CPD says when officers arrived on scene they determined two people had been shot. One of them has life-threatening injuries. If you have any information call Chattanooga Police. You can remain anonymous.
ATL 98.7 News	10/19/20	6:00am	1:00	After nearly two months since a woman's body was found near a Dayton School buried in a shallow grave a grand jury has indicted her boyfriend on murder charges. District Attorney Mike Taylor confirms :Guy O'Connell" was indicted earlier this month. The Bradley County Sheriff's Office believes O'Connell was the last person seen with "Amber Renee Monday" before she disappeared in August. Taylor says Monday's body was found near Laurel Brook School in Dayton in September.

ATL 98.7 News 10/20/20 8:00am 1:00 The East Ridge officer shot during a traffic stop Sunday is back home. Police Chief Stan Allen tells us Corporal Terry Prescott was released from the hospital Monday afternoon. Investigators say he was shot several times by Christopher Kitts. We also to Corporal Prescott's wife she says they are thankful for the first responders for taking care of him.

ATL 98.7 News 10/23/20 7:00am 1:00 Hamilton County's sheriff will begin treatment for his lungs as he battles COVID-19. We learned Jim Hammond is still in the hospital. The Sheriff's Office says Sheriff Hammond's condition continues to improve. The sheriff announced he tested positive for the virus last week.

ATL 98.7 News 10/26/20 6:00am 1:00 The man accused of ripping off grieving families is set to be sentenced. Several families say Trent Wickman the former owner of Wickman Monuments look their money and never fulfilled their orders for gravestone markers. Whickman pled guilty to six counts of theft back in June. Depend on us to keep you updated.

ATL 98.7 News 10/27/20 7:00am 1:00 Right now there is a major issue that local leaders are watching and it involves your safety. A threat assessment conducted by the Department of Homeland Security says polling places could become a target for violence. Chattanooga police say they are aware of the potential for unrest come Election Day.

ATL 98.7 News 10/27/20 8:00am 1:00 The East Ridge Fire and Police Departments now face a COVID-19 outbreak after a manhunt last week. City Manager, Chris Dorsey says 11 staff members have tested positive for the virus. Police say Christopher Kitts shot an East Ridge officer during a traffic stop last Sunday. This led to a multi-agency manhunt and eventual shootout ending in Kitts death. Dorsey says right now they're filling staffing with overtime.

ATL 98.7 News 10/28/20 6:00am 1:00 The Hamilton County Sheriff's office confirms the man shot by Chattanooga Police at an East Brainerd apartment complex has died. This man is now being identified as 35 year old Clifton Spencer, Jr. CPD say the shooting happened at the "Elements of Chattanooga" on Standifer Gap Road. Chattanooga police say a woman called 911 saying a man with a gun was threatening her and she was hiding from him.

is suffering life-threatening injuries and do not know their current condition. We are working to learn more about this story.

ATL 98.7 News 11/23/20 7:00am 1:00 The Georgia Bureau of Investigation says it's looking into possible threats against Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. The GBI say Raffensperger's wife has received threats also. The agency is trying to determine if any of the messages are credible. Raffensperger is a republican who says he's a supporter of President Trump but he's been under fire from the GOP for certifying the election results. After president-elect results Joe Biden won the state by about 12 thousand votes.

ATL 98.7 News 11/25/20 6:00am 1:00 A convicted felon out of Sequatchie is behind bars after authorities discovered a pipe bomb and a loaded gun after searching his home. In a nearly month-long investigation detectives served a search warrant at a home on Quail Lane in the Deer Head community. According to the Sheriff's office while searching the property a loaded pistol, used needles, pills and an out building with black powder and a pipe bomb with a fuse were found. Thomas Painter was arrested and booked in the Sequatchie County Jail. He is set to appear in court on November 30th.

ATL 98.7 News 12/1/20 8:00am 1:00 A grand jury indicts three men accused of planning to distribute fentanyl. The three suspects, James Martin, Lee Clements and Ricky Harper are from Chattanooga. The indictment says the men conspired to distribute at least 400 grams of a substance containing the drug. It says this happened from May to October. If convicted they face 10 years to life in prison. Prosecutors say there could be more suspects in the case.

ATL 98.7 News 12/7/20 7:00am 1:00 A local activist is under investigation for allegedly burning books by conservative authors. Cameron "C-Grimey" Williams has been placed on leave from the Chattanooga public library after an Instagram video showed him burning books by Ann Coulter and President Donald Trump. That's according to the Associated Press. Williams denied burning any books and says he did not break any library rules. He is currently charged with disorderly conduct and blocking a highway from July demonstrations.

ATL 98.7 News 12/9/20 6:00am 1:00 A 14 year old is now facing aggravated assault and felony murder charges in the stabbing death of an 11 year old boy. Deputies responded to reports of a stabbing at a home late Saturday afternoon. Police say they found the boy suffering from several stab wounds. Investigators say the 14 year old will be charged as an adult and is being held without bond.

Issues Chattanooga 12/13/20 4:45am 15:00 Jim Winsette, from the Better Business Bureau, told us about some scams to watch out for. Some are using the pandemic as a way of getting personal information and talking people into helping others who have been "hard" because of COVID-19.

ATL 98.7 News 12/14/20 7:00am 1:00 Chattanooga police are investigating a deadly weekend shooting in Hixson. It happened on New Country Drive Saturday. CPD says officers arrived on the scene to find Christopher Trivette with a gunshot wound. EMS pronounced him dead at the scene.

ATL 98.7 News 12/14/20 8:00am 1:00 Fourteen men are now in the Hamilton County Jail after a two day sex trafficking sting. Authorities say they found the men through several decoy advertisements on websites known to be linked to prostitution and commercial sex with minors.

ATL 98.7 News 12/16/20 6:00am 1:00 A babysitter is being charged with the murder of a 2 year old in Sandy Springs, Georgia. This after police determined the toddler was beaten to death and not hurt in an accidental fall. Twenty-nine year old Kirstie Flood was arrested after an autopsy revealed the abuse. An investigation into the 2 years olds death started after she died at a local hospital on December 9th.

TAX

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ATL 98.7 News	12/9/20	6:00am	1:00	This morning local organizations are having to wait for possible additional funds. During last night's Chattanooga City Council meeting members voted to approve the bonus for city employees during its first reading. However they deferred a vote to decide if organizations like the United and the Tivoli Foundation should receive the money. Vice Chairman Ken Smith asked for the deferral. The total cost of the bonus is 1.7 million dollars.

Issues Chattanooga	12/27/20	4:45am	15:00	Donna L. Smith discussed tax right off for the year and how giving to non-profits and foundations can not only help others but also be a tax right-off for the giver.
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TOURISM

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ATL 98.7 News	10/9/20	6:00am	1:00	A new survey finds people aren't necessarily going home for the holidays. Travelocity's 2020 holiday travel outlook found that nearly 60% of Americans won't be traveling to see friends or family during the holidays. Of those nearly a third say they won't be celebrating at all.
ATL 98.7 News	11/3/20	7:00am	1:00	The city of Chattanooga continues to close part of Broad Street to help expand outdoor dining. The city closes West Aquarium Way to West Third Street on Sundays to allow more space. Closures will continue through November 8th. President's campaign is filling a lawsuit suing Pennsylvania, Michigan and Savannah, Georgia. The lawsuit alleges that a Republican observer watched a poll worker unprocessed, absentee ballots from a back room and mix them into processed absentee ballots waiting to be tabulated. The Associated Press declared Joe Biden the winner in two the states.
ATL 98.7 News	11/18/20	8:00am	1:00	If the pandemic is keeping your family in person for Thanksgiving Zoom is helping to make your holiday a little brighter. The video conferencing app is giving away free unlimited video calls for turkey day. Normally a Zoom call is restricted to just 40 minutes unless you pay a minimum of 15 dollars a month.
Issues Chattanooga	12/6/20	4:45am	15:00	Donna Harris from the Tourism Association of Chattanooga Tourism. She explained how this pandemic is affecting the Chattanooga tourist spot and what they are doing to continue to make their businesses safe so visitors will continue to come to the Chattanooga area. She also explained how it is affecting the economy of the tourist areas.
ATL 98.7 News	12/16/20	6:00am	1:00	Triple-A is projecting a nearly 30% drop in holiday travel this year. It's expecting about 34 million fewer U.S. residents will travel from December 23rd to January 3rd compared to 2019. It show many Americans may be listening to advice from the CDC not to travel over the holidays during the pandemic.

Health

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ATL 98.7 News	10/1/20	7:00am	1:00	The Hamilton County Health Department is making a few testing changes. Health officials are shifting their testing site hours. Those hours are now 8:30am to 1pm, seven days a week. Also test results will no longer be sent through the mail but uploaded to a secure web portal. The Chattanooga Area Food Bank will continue to distribute free food to those in need at the Alstom site. That will be on Tuesday through Thursday.
ATL 98.7 News	10/1/20	8:00am	1:00	Georgia Governor Brain Kemp is extending his emergency COVID-19 order. This after the state surpassed over 7 thousand deaths from the virus. Governor Kemp pushed back the expiration of those guidelines until October 15th.
ATL 98.7 News	10/6/20	6:00am	1:00	Local health agencies report an increase in COVID-19 cases. The Hamilton County Health Department says the county is now showing just over 10 thousand one hundred confirmed cases. There have been 98 deaths.
ATL 98.7 News	10/6/20	7:00am	1:00	The White House has blocked new Food and Drug Administration guidelines for potential vaccines for COVID-19. At issue, was the FDA's planned requirement that participants in mass clinical trials for vaccines be followed for two months. A senior administration says the White House believes there is quote "no clinical or medical reason" for additional screening protocols.
ATL 98.7 News	10/9/20	8:00am	1:00	The Hamilton County Health Department says the county has surpassed its 100th death from COVID-19. The announcement comes six months after the first death in the county. Health officials also announced 84 new cases of the virus. Overall Hamilton County has seen more than 10 thousand cases since March.
ATL 98.7 News	10/9/20	6:00am	1:00	Alabama health and agriculture officials are investigating after COVID-19 was found in a dead cat. The Department of Public Health says testing confirmed a deceased cat tested positive for the strain of the virus that causes COVID-19. Coronavirus cases in animals are thought to be very rare. A state public health veterinarian says there seems to be no evidence suggesting animals are responsible for infecting people.

Issues Chattanooga 10/11/20 4:45am 15:00 Hamilton County
Mayor Jim Coppinger gave us an update on the COVID-19 situation. He talked about the precautions people must use to help improve the situation and lower the severity in Hamilton County.

ATL 98.7 News 10/12/20 7:00am 1:00 The number at active COVID-19 cases in Hamilton County have more than doubled since October 1st. According to the health department the county has reached more than 1500 active cases. This marks a 150% increase. Hamilton County reported 213 new cases Wednesday. That's the second highest jump in single day cases since the pandemic started. This along the 119th death.

ATL 98.7 News 10/14/20 8:00am 1:00 Georgia's Department of Public Health is releasing an update on COVID-19 trends in the state. The last 7 day average of new cases has increase 4.3%. However compared to the state's peak back in July new cases are down 68%. The statewide positivity percent is for testing has decreased from 7% on October 5th to 5.8% yesterday.

Issues Chattanooga 10/18/20 4:45am 15:00 Sidera Bond with the March of Dimes explained some of the new statistics about premature birth and the effects it has on the baby, their parents and the care they need.

ATL 98.7 News 10/19/20 6:00am 1:00 Tennessee Governor Bill Lee is now in quarantine after a member of his security detail tested positive for the virus. The governors office says Lee tested negative for the virus but is quarantine as a precaution. His office says Governor Lee is feeling well right now and no one else among his staff is believed to have the virus.

ATL 98.7 News 10/20/20 7:00am 1:00 Governor Bill Lee plans on extending an executive order giving a majority a Tennessee's counties the option to require face covering in public areas. Lee's spokesperson says the executive order will be extended until the end of the year. The order which applies to 89 out of the state's 95 counties was scheduled to expire at the end of the month. Right now Hamilton County does have a mask mandate. It's set to expire November 22nd.

ATL 98.7 News 10/29/20 8:00am 1:00 The US government plans to pay for any future coronavirus vaccine for all Americans. The centers for medicare and medicaid services made the announcement yesterday. The agency says it will pay for any



vaccine authorized or approved for the FDA. While the federal government is paying for the vaccine. Insures must cover the cost of administering it.

ATL 98.7 News 10/30/20 6:00am 1:00 If you're looking for a way to help the community during this difficult time. Blood Assurance is hosting a two day blood drive. It's today and Saturday at First Baptist Church of Decatur in Meigs County. That's happening from 10am to 6pm. The Cleveland and downtown Chattanooga locations will open Saturday from 10am to 5 pm. Appointments are required.

ATL 98.7 News 11/5/20 7:00am 1:00 The Catoosa County Probate Court Office is now closed after a COVID-19 exposure. Government officials say the office will be closed until Monday, November 16th. If you have an appointment you can still apply for marriage licenses or weapons carry permits in-person-until November 10th according to the Georgia Department of Public Health.

ATL 98.7 News 11/5/20 8:00am 1:00 Catoosa County has seen over 15 hundred total of COVID-19 cases. Hamilton County Health Department is warning of another possible COVID-19 exposure at a Texas Roadhouse on Amin Drive. A spokesperson for the department says an employee worked in the restaurant during their infection period from October 26th through November 3rd. The Health Department is recommending anyone who was at the restaurant to get tested. Free testing is still available at the Alstom Plant everyday from 8:30am to 1pm.

ATL 98.7 News 11/6/20 6:00am 1:00 The White House now recommends Tennesseans stop gathering beyond their immediate household until COVID-19 cases quote "decrease significantly". That's according to a new document from the White House COVID-19 Task Force obtained by A-B-C. According to the report Tennessee is in the red zone and Hamilton County is second on list of red zone counties. Others include Bradley, Marion, Rhea and Polk.

ATL 98.7 News 11/10/20 7:00am 1:00 Walker County health leaders warn two large parties held by teens have become a COVID-19 super spreader. Right now Gordon Lee High School is virtual all week. Lafayette High School plans to follow a hybrid schedule the rest of the week. A state official says as many as 500 students attended the 2 separate parties around Halloween time. This morning there are 25 COVID-19 cases linked to the events but health officials expect that number to grow with more than 100 teens in quarantine this morning.

Issues Chattanooga 11/15/20 4:45am 15:00 The Health Department updated us on the Covid-19 situation and how the disease has spread in our area. They stressed how important it is for us to wear mask, use sanitizer, wash our hands and stay away from large crowds (10 people or less).

ATL 98.7 News 11/18/20 6:00am 1:00 This morning Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke is calling for a statewide mask mandate. He says while there is one in Hamilton County there should be one across the entire state of Tennessee. Mayor Berke is also asking the community to follow White House Coronavirus Task Force recommendations limiting Thanksgiving celebrations.

ATL 98.7 News 11/18/20 8:00am 1:00 Tennessee will be one of the first to test out PFIZER's COVID-19 vaccine. The experimental vaccine has excited health officials because preliminary data indicates it is more than 90% effective. However distributing it may prove challenging. The vaccine must be stored at a temperature lower than what standard freezers can produce. It also requires two doses spaced three weeks apart to be effective.

ATL 98.7 News 11/20/20 7:00am 1:00 Mayor Jim Coppinger extended Hamilton County's mask mandate until January 15th. Now doctors across the Volunteer State are urging Governor Bill Lee to follow in the county's footsteps and issue a statewide mandate. A study from Vanderbilt Department of Health found counties who never adopted a mask mandate have COVID-19 death rates twice as high as counties with mask mandates.

ATL 98.7 News 11/24/20 6:00am 1:00 The Hamilton County Health Department tells us they are working with their lab partner, PathGroup, to improve turnaround for results. This comes as we are seeing long lines of people waiting to be tested at the Alstom plant ahead of Thanksgiving. At locations like these people are being told to expect results in 3 to 5 days which is triple the minimum time compared to just weeks ago. Some have reported it taking even longer.

ATL 98.7 News 11/25/20 8:00am 1:00 The Tennessee Department of Health gave an update on when we can expect to see a COVID-19 vaccine. Commissioner Piercey says Pfizer will likely be the vaccine the state gets first in December followed by Moderna. Dr. Lisa Peircey says the first people to get the COVID-19 vaccine will be frontline health care workers and first responders.

ATL 98.7 News 11/27/20 7:00am 1:00 As COVID-19 continues to spread in Hamilton County. The health department added 246 cases. This bring the total number of cases since March to more than 17 thousand. Right now, there are more than 21 hundred active cases. Health officials also added 8 new deaths in the county. Bringing the death to 148.

ATL 98.7 News 12/1/20 6:00am 1:00 Northwest Georgia is being affected by the continued rise of COVID-19 cases. The Walker County Courthouse will be closed until 9am on December 7th. A spokesperson says the Walker County Board of Elections and Registration office will maintain some services. In Dalton all proceedings for the Dalton Municipal Court scheduled for December 2nd and December 9th have been postponed.

ATL 98.7 News 12/2/20 7:00am 1:00 The U.K. is now the first country to authorize emergency use of Pfitzer's COVID-19 vaccine. A Joint Committee is expected to release more information on this historic decision on who is expected to receive the vaccine first.

ATL 98.7 News 12/2/20 8:00am 1:00 The Hamilton County Health Department says anyone who gathered with non-household members over the Thanksgiving holiday should act as though they were exposed to the virus. If you fit in the category health officials recommend reducing the number of people you come in contact with or quarantining for the next 14 days. They also say to avoid being around people who are at high-risk.

ATL 98.7 News 12/4/20 6:00am 1:00 That's as COVID-19 continue to worsen in Hamilton County. Just in the last 24 hours the health department says there are 432 new cases. In the past three days we have seen the highest daily case count since the beginning of the pandemic. All three days over 400 cases. Across the entire state of Tennessee 98% of available ICU capacity is being used for COVID-19 patients. That is according to COVID Act Now.

ATL 98.7 News 12/8/20 7:00am 1:00 The state's health department released preliminary information on who will be the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. In a tweet Governor Lee says the vaccines are expected to arrive in Tennessee later this month. According to the website among the first group of people to receive the vaccine will be frontline healthcare workers...first responders with direct public exposure and staff working in home care and long term care facilities.

ATL 98.7 News 12/9/20 8:00am 1:00 Georgia governor
Brian Kemp gave an update to the COVID-19 vaccine distribution Tuesday saying they expect to have a limited number within the next 7 to 10 days. He warns people still need to take precautions. Kemp encourages people to take the simple steps of their steps of their own volition saying no government mandate is going to get rid of the virus.

ATL 98.7 News 12/11/20 6:00am 1:00 An FDA panel clears
the way for Pfizer's vaccine to push forward. An advisory committee to the CDC is expected to vote Sunday whether to recommend that vaccine. If that committee votes in favor of the vaccine it's the last step needed before distribution. The company's clinical trials have shown the vaccine it's the last step needed before distribution. The company's clinical trails have shown the vaccine to be 95% effective with no severe side effects.

ATL 98.7 News 12/14/20 7:00am 1:00 A new weapon in
fight against COVID-19 is on the way. The first vials of the vaccine are on the move with deliveries heading to 636 locations across the US Tennessee received its first batch last night. Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville expects up to 10 thousand doses of the vaccines to arrive as early as today. Those will go to healthcare workers first. Officials say it could be late spring or early summer before the vaccine is widely available.

ATL 98.7 News 12/14/20 8:00am 1:00 Hamilton County just
saw its deadliest week since the pandemic began with 35 people dying from COVID-19 last week. The Hamilton County Health Department added 215 new cases Sunday saying nearly 34 hundred of those cases are active right now.

ATL 98.7 News 12/15/20 6:00am 1:00 COVID-19
vaccinations will likely start in Hamilton County this week. Tennessee's supply of more than 56 thousand doses ships Wednesday. It will go to 28 sites covering 74 hospitals the next day. Right now the state is keeping the first round of about 900 doses it received yesterday as backup.

ATL 98.7 News 12/15/20 7:00am 1:00 Changes are coming
to Tennessee's COVID-19 testing sites. The state department of health says starting December 21st these sites will start offering self-testing kits three days a week. Officials say this will allow workers to transition to giving frontline health care providers and first responders vaccines. Adults tested with the new self-tests will register and receive their results online. Health officials

say children under 18 cannot use these tests. Local county health department will continue to offer free COVID-19 testing.

ATL 98.7 News 12/16/20 6:00am 1:00 Hamilton County just reported a record breaking 510 new COVID-19 cases. This brings the area's total number of cases since March to more than 23 thousand. Health officials say two more people have died from the virus bringing the death toll to 223. Right now there are more than 35 hundred active cases of COVID-19 in the county.

ATL 98.7 News 12/16/20 8:00am 1:00 The first COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Georgia. This as new infections soar and many schools ending in-person classes the last week before the holiday break. Governor Brian Kemp and Public Health Commissioner Kathleen Toomey visited Savannah as the first four shots were administered Tuesday to local health care workers. The state is now averaging nearly 6 thousand new infections a day, far above its summer peak.

ATL 98.7 News 12/17/20 6:00am 1:00 A historic moment in Tennessee as the first Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is administered. Nashville Cancer Surgeon Dr. William Polk received the vaccine last night at Clinical Research Associates. He says so far he's not experiencing any side effects but will be monitored for that. Dr. Polk encourages anyone with the opportunity to get this vaccine.

ATL 98.7 News 12/17/20 7:00am 1:00 Hamilton County reported 500 new COVID-19 cases Wednesday. Right now the areas seeing a record breaking 116 people are hospitalized with the virus. 55% of patients are in the ICU. The Health Department says there are now more than 36 hundred active cases. That's the highest number of active cases the county's seen since the pandemic began.

ATL 98.7 News 12/17/20 8:00am 1:00 Tennessee Department of Health COVID-19 testing sites will begin offering self-testing kits to adults beginning December 21st. The kits will be available on Mondays, Wednesday and Friday and are not approved for children under age of 18. Children and adults unable to register online can still receive standard COVID-19 tests on Tuesday and Thursday. Local county health departments will also continue to offer free COVID-19 testing five days week.

ATL 98.7 News 12/17/20 8:00am 1:00 Health officials in Alabama are now fighting misinformation about the vaccine. This after a social media posts

claiming a nurse there died after getting the shot. The Alabama Department of Public Health debunked the rumor saying no one who has received the vaccine has died.

ATL 98.7 News 12/21/20 6:00am 1:00 Governor Bill Lee
announces new measures to fight COVID-19 in Tennessee during a rare primetime address Sunday night. This comes as the state leads the nation in infection rates and as more than 100 Tennesseans die from the virus daily. Governor Lee's new executive order limits public indoor gathering to 10 people. It does not apply to churches, weddings or funerals. The governor also asks businesses to let employees work from home for the next 30 days. And for Tennesseans to limit holiday gathering to their immediate household. The order does not include a statewide mask mandate.

ATL 98.7 News 12/21/20 7:00am 1:00 The Modema
COVID-19 vaccine is now cleared for use. The director of the CDC accepted the recommendation from the agency's advisory team Sunday. Batches of the vaccine are already on the way and officials expect to start giving the first doses of it today. Right now there are more than 38 hundred active cases in the county.

ATL 98.7 News 12/21/20 8:00am 1:00 Frontline essential
workers and adults 75 and older should be the priority in the next round of COVID-19 vaccine distribution. That's the recommendation from a CDC's advisory committee. The group vote to approve that "Phase One-B" yesterday. For "Phase One-C" it suggests prioritizing adults ages 65 to 75 people with pre-existing conditions and other essential workers.

Environment

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ATL 98.7 News	10/26/20	6:00am	1:00	The TWRA says agents have recovered the body of a missing kayaker. Officials say Robert DJ Young of Rossville was reported missing Saturday after his fiancé dropped him off at a popular kayak launch at Camp Jordan. Search crews found Young's belonging in an overturned kayak not far from that launch Saturday. The agency says they found his body at the Chickamauga Creek Sunday afternoon.
Issues Chattanooga	11/8/20	4:45am	15:00	Thom Benson with the Tennessee Aquarium explained what the Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Center is all about. Thom told us about their mission statement and vision for the Tennessee Area waterways.

Minority Issues

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ATL 98.7 News	10/8/20	6:00am	1:00	Hundreds gathered in protest after the former Minneapolis police officer seen kneeling on George Floyd's neck posted bond for 1 million dollar bond. Three other former policemen are charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder. All those men have asked for their charges against them to be dismissed.
Issues Chattanooga	11/1/20	4:45am	1:00	We talked with the Health Department and the Chattanooga Food Bank. They both talked about how the Covid-19 has affected the minorities and low-income families in this area. They are struggling for food and other necessities during this pandemic. The Chattanooga Food Bank also shared with us their needs for the rest of the year.
ATL 98.7 News	11/11/20	7:00am	1:00	There are several ways you can help honor our community's veterans today. The City of Collegedale will host their first ever virtual ceremony. That will start at 11. Starting at 1 Silverdale Baptist Academy will host their virtual tribute to our nation's veterans starting at 1. At 6 tonight Catoosa County is continuing their tradition of playing taps at the Ringgold City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.
ATL 98.7 News	11/25/20	8:00am	1:00	The US government has agreed temporarily stop deporting detained immigrant women who have alleged being abused by a Georgia gynecologist. The motion is contained in court papers and will still need to be approved by a federal judge. The Justice Department and lawyers for several of the women agreed that immigration authorities would not carry out any deportations until mid-January.
ATL 98.7 News	11/27/20	6:00am	1:00	The Grateful Gobbler is set to start in just a few hours and it's going digital this year. The means people and families can choose where they walk or run a 5-K starting at 8am this morning. The cost to participate is 30 dollars for adults and 15 dollars for ages 12 and under. Money raised will support Chattanooga's homeless families at the Maclellan Shelter.
ATL 98.7 News	11/27/20	7:00am	1:00	The Salvation Army will prepare and distribute nearly 5 hundred wrapped meals to senior adults in public housing. Volunteers will pick up the meals today to hand them out. If you would like to volunteer or for more information you can head to our website.

ATL 98.7 News 12/1/20 8:00am 1:00 The Chattanooga Homeless Coalition opens up they're "Warming Shelter" at the Chattanooga Community Kitchen. The shelter will be open tonight because of the freezing temperatures. If you need to stay there you to go to the Hamilton County Homeless Healthcare Center for a rapid COVID-19 test. No one will be turned away. People who test positive will be sent to the Salvation Army.

ATL 98.7 News 12/2/20 6:00am 1:00 You can drop off any new coats at the Hamilton Place Mall from 8am to 7pm. We will be just outside of Dave and Busters and will be following all social distancing guidelines throughout the day. Coats for Kids is done in partnership with the Forgotten Child Fund. And if you financial don't have a coat to donate you can also make a financial donation directly to the Forgotten Child Fund.

TRANSPORTATION

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ATL 98.7 News	10/12/20	6:00am	1:00	Crews had to evacuate several homes and take two workers to the hospital after a train derailment in Georgia. It happened just before 2:00pm yesterday morning. Several of the cars caught on fire. There was a chemical spill. Officials say there were minor injuries. Homes nearby were asked to evacuate. Fire officials say rains from hurricane Delta may have played a part in the derailment.
ATL 98.7 News	10/13/20	7:00am	1:00	A small plane crashed near the Collegedale airport. Hamilton County Emergency Management says the pilot has no injuries. Officials say the plane's engine stopped working and he was forced to land. The pilot says the plane fell 1000 feet and went into the woods. He did not want to go on camera but says he gives credit to God and that he prays before every flight. The FAA and NTSB will investigate.
ATL 98.7 News	10/13/20	8:00am	1:00	Crews in Catoosa County stated repaving part of East Nickajack Road yesterday. Paving will start back up again this morning and continue through the rest of the week weather permitting. The road will be closed to traffic from 8:30am to 6pm until that work is finished.
ATL 98.7 News	10/22/20	6:00am	1:00	T-DOT is planning some major work on the 24-75 split. The ramp from I-75 North to 24 West will close Friday night at 9. If you are heading to 24 West you will be detoured to make a sort of U-turn at the East Brainerd Road exit.
Issues Chattanooga	10/25/20	4:45am	15:00	Jennifer Flynn with the Tennessee Department of Transition updates us on the construction of the I-75 and I-24 split. She explained what was left of the construction project and how it is already helping the traffic situation.
ATL 98.7 News	10/28/20	7:00am	1:00	According to the Tennessee Highway Patrol a Meigs County school bus driver and a 7 year old student were killed in a crash off of Highway 58. The crash happened on Highway 58 North of the intersection with Lamont-ville Road. Officials say a service electric company truck lost control and went into on-coming traffic. 22 children were on board at the time. THP says 7 children were injured. At the last check 1 boy is still in critical condition this morning.

Religious Issues

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ATL 98.7 News	10/30/20	6:00am	1:00	Meigs County schools will hold a candle light vigil for the victims of Tuesday's deadly bus crash. It starts at 7P.M. at Meigs South. The school system thanks everyone for their prayers and asks people to continue to quote "uplift our families, faculty, staff and EMS workers.
ATL 98.7 News	12/4/20	7:00am	1:00	The annual Main Street Cleveland Christmas Parade has been canceled. Officials say they are taking precautions after Bradley County saw a rapid rise in COVID-19 cases over the past 24 hours. According to a report from the New York Times the city of Cleveland is number two on their list of metro areas where new COVID-19 cases are increasing fastest going from 399 new cases last week to 775 now.
Issues Chattanooga	12/20/20	4:45am	15:00	We discussed the creative ways churches are celebrating Christmas this year, whether virutally virutally,oror outdoors. All the churches desire is to let their congregation know that the true meaning of Christmas should be celebrated no matter where you are.