

WWLP

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Pursuant to the disclosure requirements in 47 C.F. R. 73.3526(11)(i), and during the quarter referenced above, this station provided information to its viewers regarding the following significant issues, including:

Crime, Education, Environment, Government, Health/Smoking, Jobs

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Economy	6pm	7/5/20	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	Step one of phase three of Massachusetts' reopening plan begins tomorrow. With it comes the reopening of movie theaters, museums, casinos, and fitness facilities. Fitness facilities must operate at 40 percent capacity and equipment must be sanitized after very use. Each business sector has specific guidelines outlined by the state that they must follow to reopen. And While MGM Springfield and the Springfield museums will be allowed to open on the 6 th , both are delaying their complete reopening until the 16 th . Indoor gatherings are now eight people per 1,000 square feet and no more than 25 people in one enclosed space. For a full list of what is reopening in phase three and updated public health guidelines, go to wwlp dot com.

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22.1	Law Enforcement	5:30am	7/9/20	90 seconds	5:30am Morning News	<p>A year-long investigation into the Springfield Police Department's Narcotics Unit has revealed what the U-S Justice Department is calling a pattern of excessive force. United States Attorney, Andrew Lelling, said the investigation found that the pattern or practice of excessive force is directly attributable to systemic deficiencies in policies. Over the course of the investigation, the U-S Department of Justice reviewed over 100-thousand pages of written policies, procedures, training materials, internal reports, and video footage from the Springfield Police Department. In addition, they conducted interviews with Springfield police officers, supervisors, and city officials. The D-O-J said they also met with community members and local advocates. Attorney Lelling added, the Springfield Police Department and the city of Springfield cooperated with the investigation and they have already started to make changes.</p>

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22.1	Education	11pm	7/14/20	90 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>Massachusetts educators are calling for a tiered transition to the classroom, very similar to the state's re-opening plan. 3 Massachusetts teachers unions are calling on the state to change education during this coronavirus era. In a letter, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the Boston Teachers Union and the American Federation of Teachers of Massachusetts, say students returning to school will have social, emotional, and academic needs that must be addressed in order to learn. And educators need to be prepared to teach them. Phase 1 of this approach allocates time for school faculty and staff to prepare for the start of a completely new school year – whether in person, online, or hybrid models. Phase 2 gives educators a chance to meet students and their families to assess the student’s emotional, educational, and technological needs. The third phase marks the beginning of school, which focuses on students adjusting to the first 6 weeks of school. The final phase calls for a check-in and modification to curriculum if needed. The letter also calls for funding for PPE and</p>

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22.1	Environment	6pm	7/19/20	60 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>A youth rally was held in Northampton to raise awareness around climate legislation that will be voted on in the state house. Activists in Northampton are saying climate justice is also racial justice. Led by the Sunrise Movement, a youth-led organization that fights for good jobs and a livable future, young climate activists from across Massachusetts gathered at Pulaski Park to rally for climate justice legislation in solidarity with the movement for Black lives. Demonstrators are calling on the public to help support the three state house bills addressing environmental justice, renewable energy, and putting a price on carbon. One organizer said Blacks specifically and communities of color, breathe worse air than white communities due to higher pollutions levels and closer proximity to coal plants and hazardous waste. One of the bills, if passed, will provide legal definitions that will allow the protection of communities from environmental racism and classism. The Massachusetts State House will vote on these climate legislations on July 22nd.</p>

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22.1	Children	11pm	7/23/20	90 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>The Massachusetts Education Department released its school guidelines for the fall school year. A typical school bus usually fits just under 50 students but now it is reduced to 15 because of social distancing guidelines. Single, assigned seats, masks, a symptom monitor, and a nearly empty bus will be the new normal for students on their way to school. The state is urging school districts to add bus routes, stagger school start and end times, and explore other transportation methods. Parents are encouraged to bring children to school or have them walk, or bike. The state is reminding school districts that they will have to make changes to accommodate more traffic from both vehicle and foot. Schools should consider adding more crossing guards, create multiple pick-up and drop-off points, and designate extra parking spots for student parking. All these changes will have to be centered around physical distancing guidelines.</p>

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22.1	Minority Issues	11pm	7/29/20	60 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>The Black Lives Matter movement is shedding new light on the importance of black representation in media and one local radio station is doing just that. Carol Cutting owns local Jazz station W-E-I-B, the only locally black-owned commercial radio station in New England. When Cutting moved to Springfield in 1970, there were no black-owned radio stations in the area, making it hard for her and her husband to learn about her new community. So, she created her own. It took her 15 years to finally receive the broadcasting license, which Cutting attributed to racism. The National Association of Black-Owned Broadcasters is advocating for a new bill that would reinstate a tax incentive encouraging people to sell radio stations to minorities and women.</p>

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22.1	Elderly	11pm	8/3/20	90 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>22News has received several complaints about the lack of functional elevators at Linden Towers in Springfield. Linden Towers, located at 310 Stafford Street in Springfield, houses elderly residents.</p> <p>A concerned viewer said, for the past few weeks, residents have had to wait nearly 20 minutes time for an elevator. And once it arrives, they had to pile into it, preventing social distancing during the pandemic. Property Manager Marilyn Harris said there are two elevators on the property, one of which is functional. According to Harris, there are signs posted about the out-of-service elevator, directing people and an usher to make sure the elevators aren't overcrowded. When contacted just after 3pm, Harris said Baystate Elevator was there to service the non-working elevator.</p>

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22.1	Politics	5am	8/10/20	60 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>Holyoke mayor Alex Morse is facing allegations of inappropriate behavior following a report in the UMass student newspaper. The College Democrats of Massachusetts have accused Mayor Morse of having relationships with students and sending inappropriate messages to them via social media after meeting them at events. Morse served as a lecturer at UMass from 2014-19. Now in his fourth term as mayor of Holyoke, Morse said he plans to continue his congressional campaign against incumbent Richard Neal. Morse said he is confident that a full investigation into these matters will clear his name of any unethical conduct.</p>

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22.1	Education	7am	8/16/20	180 seconds	7am Morning News	<p>As students and teachers prepare for back to school Western Massachusetts school districts are choosing between remote and hybrid learning and submitting their plans to the state. Agawam decided on a hybrid model and Westfield on a phased re-opening with hybrid possibility. According to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the hybrid model is meant to balance in school and remote learning if a school is unable to bring all students back under the health and safety requirements. DESE recommended to all school districts that they follow the state's new color-coded risk map to determine fall learning. They say areas listed as extremely high risk, such as Holyoke and Granby, should do full remote learning and those in the lower risk categories can consider hybrid learning. Schools that are planning remote-only learning include Springfield, West Springfield, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Holyoke, and Granby. In Chicopee, public schools are staggering students' return with special education and special circumstance students returning first to in-person learning.</p>

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22.2	Health	6pm	8/20/20	60 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>The flu shot will now be mandatory for all children returning to school in Massachusetts. Governor Baker said this is all being done in the interest of public health. And a driving force behind this decision is the fact that flu symptoms are very similar to COVID symptoms. The DPH announced on Wednesday that the flu vaccine will be required from the age of six months-on for attendees of Massachusetts childcare programs, pre-schools, K-12 schools, and colleges and universities. Students will need to get their flu vaccines by December 31st for the 2020-2021 flu season unless they have a medical or religious exemption.</p>

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22.1	Crime	Noon	8/25/20	60 Seconds	Noon News	<p>Springfield Police are cracking down once again, on illegal dirt bike racing on city streets.</p> <p>A 22News viewer sent us this photo of an ATV and dirt bike, riding on I-291 in Springfield.</p> <p>One person on the four-wheeler, popping a wheelie. Another rider on a dirt bike. It's illegal to ride them on highways or city streets. The police commissioner addressed the crime during the mayor's news conference at city hall.</p> <p>Commissioner Clapprood said she increased police details over the weekend after receiving several complaints. 12 people were arrested. The anti-drag-racing detail faced hundreds of people trying to drag race in the city. Most of it was focused in the North End area. Dirt bikes and ATVs on city streets in Springfield aren't anything new.</p> <p>This past Friday night, an ATV rider, who wasn't wearing a helmet, crashed while riding on Federal Street. Clapprood said he is still being treated at Baystate Medical Center and is expected to survive. In all, Springfield Police towed five cars, and three dirt bikes.</p> <p>Besides the 12 arrests, officers issued 41 vehicle citations.</p>

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22.1	Business	11pm	8/29/20	90 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>The 2020 enshrinement ceremony at the Basketball Hall of Fame was supposed to be held tonight. That has been not only rescheduled but moved all together because of the ongoing pandemic. Now downtown Springfield businesses are dealing with the potential loss of customers and revenue that the ceremony usually brings in. Nadim Kashouh, owner of Nadim's Downtown Mediterranean Grill in Springfield, said the 'mom and pop shops' need the support now, more than ever. The enshrinement was originally scheduled to be on August 29th of this year but due to pandemic concerns and financial impacts, the ceremony was postponed to 2021 and moved to Mohegan Sun in Connecticut. According to John Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, moving the event to Mohegan Sun will allow the ceremony to be effectively operated at a 'near-bubble' and provide a more secure environment for guests.</p>

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22.1	Politics	530am	9/2/20	90 seconds	530am Morning News	<p>The results are in from last night's Massachusetts state primary election. One of the races that impacts us most locally was the race for the First Congressional District. Incumbent Richard Neal claimed victory over Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse with 59-percent of the votes. Neal said over the next 2 years, he will continue to work for universal health care, to expand earned income tax credit, and to defend social security. While giving his victory speech at Union Station in Springfield, Neal thanked the many voters of the 1st Congressional District, saying he was elected by "working class Democrats" because of their confidence in him. There are no Republican candidates running in the general election in November, but Frederick Mayock has filed to run against Neal as an independent. The numbers back up how highly anticipated a race this was. It was massive turnout for a state primary - over 80-thousand people voted.</p>

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22.1	Government (Local)	11pm	9/8/20	90 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>22News has received many emails from Springfield residents surprised by an increase in their water bills. With the lack of rain, many people have been spending more time watering their lawns but that hasn't been the case for Gerald Hasty and his wife. His bills from the last two months went from about \$20 in July to nearly \$60 in August. Sewage went from \$30 to \$90 within that same time. The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission spokesperson Jaimye Bartak, said the increase could be due to many factors that include people staying home more often and a rate increase of 9.5%. She said if residents are unsure of how much water is being used, they should check their meter.</p>

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22.1	Government	6pm	9/13/20	120 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>With the presidential election coming up in a couple months, Massachusetts residents should be receiving their vote-by-mail application beginning this week. Massachusetts voters can request a mail-in ballot through an application, and you can find the form online on the Secretary of State's website. Once you fill out the application completely, you need to submit the request to your local election office. It is advised that you request your ballot as far in advance of the election as possible. When your ballot arrives, read it carefully and follow the instructions to complete it and return it. The application for a vote-by-mail ballot must be received by 5pm on October 28th. You can find the application to request vote-by-mail and other resources on WWLP-DOT-COM.</p>

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22.2	Law Enforcement	10pm	9/17/20	90 seconds	10pm Late News	<p>The city of Springfield provided the public with an update on the continued changes to the police department. This is in response to the investigation into the police department's Narcotics Bureau by the Department of Justice. It has been 2 months since the federal investigation into the Springfield Police Department Narcotics Bureau and the city is overhauling policies - making changes to prevent excessive force and hold officers accountable. One way they are doing that is by creating a whole new public database for police information. In addition to changes in the police department, the city is making changes, too. Springfield will now have an all new Racial Equity Office, which will work within the city's health department. The new office is funded by the city budget as well as \$125,000 reallocated from the police budget.</p>

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22.1	Elderly	6pm	9/25/20	60 seconds	6pm Evening News	Springfield's Elderly Public Housing tenants are being tested for Covid-19 close to where they live. For several hours today, Baystate Medical Center personnel conducted on-site testing for people living at the Springfield Housing Authorities Saab Court. The testing is part of Governor Baker's "Stop the Spread" program. About 150 men and women were tested on a first come, first served basis. The testing team will be at the Moxon apartments in Indian Orchard next Wednesday.
22.1	Consumer Issues	11pm	9/30/20	60 seconds	11pm Late News	Eversource is reminding customers of financial assistance programs currently available. Some of them include low-income assistance programs, and a new covid-19 payment plan. The energy company is also offering assistance to small businesses. Eversource won't disconnect their services if the customer is enrolled in one of Eversource's payment plans.

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The station also aired the following public service announcements during the instant quarter:

Type of Issue	Duration	Title or Narrative
Politics	30 Seconds	Your Vote, Your Voice
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Cancer Survivorship
Community	30 Seconds	Star Spangled Springfield
Minority Issues	30 Seconds	Gandara Center Frozen Yogurt Virtual 5K
Community	30 Seconds	Community Foundation COVID-19 Fund
Community	30 Seconds	Will Bike 4 Food
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	ACS Fund the Future
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	AFSP Suicide Prevention & Walk
Health/Healthcare	30 Seconds	Walk to End Alzheimer's
Health/Healthcare	15 & 30Seconds	Rays of Hope
Health/Children	15 Seconds	MA Health Centers