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This report documents the significant issues ascertained within the 12 present transmitter areas The University of North Carolina Center for Public Media for the period of July, August, and September 2020.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that each licensee ascertain the significant issues within its community each quarter in a manner it deems most effective.

The information extracted is used for research and planning by the program and production departments of The Center. Provided in this report is a list of programs broadcast which represent the most significant treatment of the enumerated community issues.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC MEDIA

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST FOR THE PERIOD JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2020 STATEWIDE LIST OF MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	manufacturing industry; stimulus; unemployment rate; Black and Latino Americans' suffering
ENVIRONMENT	tropical storm season; environmental regulations
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	elections; mail-in voting; RNC & DNC conventions; US census;
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	COVID consequences; NASA rover sent to Mars; suffering antibiotics industry; injecting politics into science
EDUCATION	school during COVID; higher education costs; distance learning; higher ed outbreaks
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	protests; child sex abuse; Breonna Taylor

ISSUE	DATE	TIME	LENGTH	PROGRAM	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
JULY						
EDUCATION	7/1/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Millions of children and parents are desperate to know what the fall might look like in terms of school. Recently, a group of public health and pediatrics experts made the case that kids need to be in the classroom and not at home. William Brangham reports and talks to Sean O'Leary of the American Academy of Pediatrics about strategies for mitigating the risk of coronavirus spread in schools.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	7/1/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the United States grapples with the novel coronavirus, nationwide protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd insist the country must confront a second epidemic: racism. Despite a longstanding belief that we are a nation divided, some say there are reasons for hope. Special correspondent Charlayne Hunter-Gault talks to New York Times columnist and author David Brooks for Race Matters.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/1/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	One of the reasons COVID-19 presents such a significant global medical challenge is that there are few effective therapies for it so far. As cases fill hospital beds across many parts of the country, doctors and scientists are coming up with inventive ways to treat the disease, if not to cure it. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/1/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on CORONAVIRUS	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/2/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In our news wrap Thursday, the U.S. saw a record 50,000 new cases of COVID-19 in a single day as infections rise in 40 states. Florida set its own record for new cases with more than 10,000 -- but Gov. Ron DeSantis insisted the state is equipped to handle the crisis. Also, there were signs of U.S. economic recovery, with the Labor Department reporting the country added 4.8 million jobs in June.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	7/2/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	<p>The child sex abuse case against disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein has taken a new turn with the arrest of his longtime companion and confidante, Ghislaine Maxwell. Epstein killed himself in jail in August 2019. Now, survivors of his abuse may be able to face Maxwell, charged with recruiting and grooming underage girls, in court instead.</p> <p>John Yang talks to the Miami Herald's Ben Wieder.</p>
ECONOMY/BUSINESS/BUSINESS	7/2/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	<p>Long before the coronavirus pandemic, manufacturing in the U.S. was transformed -- and with it, daily life. Now COVID-19 is delivering a new blow to the industry. But some companies are pivoting to create the personal protective equipment that the U.S. had previously outsourced overseas. Paul Solman reports on how a family textile business nearly 200 years old is adapting to this latest challenge.</p>
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/2/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	<p>At a moment the U.S. is facing crises on multiple fronts, President Trump continues to use language that sparks controversy and highlights the nation's racial divides. He recently retweeted a video of a man chanting "white power" at a Florida retirement community and still refers to the novel coronavirus as "kung flu." Yamiche Alcindor reports on Trump's habit of stoking American culture wars.</p>
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	7/2/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	<p>The Labor Department's June jobs report seems to reflect a strengthening ECONOMY/BUSINESS. After all, businesses across the country reopened during that month. But now coronavirus cases are soaring, raising questions about how we can have a functioning U.S. ECONOMY/BUSINESS without adding fuel to the raging pandemic. Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Romer joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the dilemma.</p>
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/2/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	<p>President Trump is campaigning for reelection as the U.S. faces a challenging moment. To analyze how his rhetoric on race and his response to coronavirus are resonating across the country, Yamiche Alcindor talks to Chris Buskirk of the website and journal American Greatness and Cynthia Tucker, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and journalist-in-residence at the University of South Alabama.</p>

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/3/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Facebook is under increasing pressure to regulate and remove extremist and hateful content from its platform. Several major corporations have pledged to stop buying ads on the social media site during July unless the company acts. With advertising comprising 98 percent of Facebook's revenue, its share value has already dropped. But will the boycott effect major change? Stephanie Sy reports.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/3/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the Fourth of July approaches, coronavirus cases are rising across the country, with businesses and public spaces again closing down as a result. Where does the U.S. stand in terms of managing this public health crisis? Judy Woodruff talks to top elected officials of two major metropolitan areas: Judge Lina Hidalgo of Harris County, Texas, and Mayor Carlos Gimenez of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/3/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	NC SPIN	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell analyzes the week's North Carolina issues and examines in-state races that could shape North Carolina's judiciary and legislature. Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/3/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/6/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Weather forecasters say the current tropical storm season is likely to be more active than normal, with as many as six major hurricanes. But planning for these disasters is more complex this year. The coronavirus pandemic has made it harder to stock up on emergency supplies and will almost certainly complicate evacuation efforts. John Yang reports.
ENVIRONMENT	7/6/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In our news wrap Monday, a federal judge has ordered the shutdown of the Dakota Access Pipeline pending an environmental review. The decision represents a major victory for the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. Also, Chicago suffered one of its bloodiest holiday weekends, with 17 people shot and killed -- including a 7-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy. An additional 70 people were wounded by gunfire.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/7/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	<p>In our news wrap Tuesday, the Trump administration has officially notified Congress and the United Nations that the U.S. is withdrawing from the World Health Organization.</p> <p>The U.S. has previously contributed over \$400 million annually to the organization -- more than any other country. Also, one person has been hospitalized after a driver sped through a protest in Bloomington, Indiana, on Monday.</p>
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	7/7/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	<p>The Paycheck Protection Program, or PPP, is one of the federal government's signature efforts to help small businesses weather the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, there is new data from the Trump administration about how this money was distributed during the past few months, and to whom. Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff to discuss where PPP funds went and whether the program is likely to be extended.</p>
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/7/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	<p>During this coronavirus pandemic, we hear repeatedly from public health officials to stay at home. But many Americans don't have stable housing -- and now, a growing number of people are being forced out of where they live because they can't pay the rent. William Brangham reports on the causes and consequences of a national rise in evictions.</p>
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/7/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	<p>President Trump will welcome the president of Mexico to the White House on Wednesday. The country has more than 215,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19, the second-highest total in Latin America. More than 20,000 deaths have been recorded from the pandemic in Mexico -- but its government admits the number is a major undercount. Nick Schiffrin reports on Mexico's failures to contain the coronavirus.</p>
EDUCATION	7/7/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	<p>Parents across the U.S. are wondering what the next school year will hold for their children. While reopening decisions will ultimately be up to state and local officials, President Trump said Tuesday he'll pressure governors to resume in-person classes. Judy Woodruff talks to Noel Candelaria of the Texas State Teachers Association and Elliot Haspel, an EDUCATION policy expert and former teacher.</p>

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	7/7/2020	6pm	10 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	This summer is shaping up to be a bloody one in many cities and neighborhoods. What's behind the recent surge in gun violence? Amna Nawaz talks to Pastor Mike McBride of the Live Free Campaign, a faith-based movement committed to reducing gun violence and ending mass incarceration of people of color, and Thomas Abt of the Council on Criminal Justice and an author of the nationwide homicide study.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/8/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Since the earliest days of the coronavirus pandemic, public health experts have emphasized that having an efficient system for wide-scale testing was key to bringing the COVID-19 outbreak under control. But in reality, virus testing in the United States has consistently missed the mark. William Brangham talks to Dr. Jennifer Nuzzo, an epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS/BUSINESS	7/8/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The metal lithium has become integral to our daily lives, due to its essential role as a battery material in electronic devices. Over the next several decades, the rising popularity of electric vehicles is expected to mean the demand for lithium will increase even more -- so companies that mine the metal are racing to improve their productivity. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/8/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on CORONAVIRUS	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/9/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Of the nation's roughly 130,000 coronavirus deaths, more than 40,000 have occurred in nursing homes. But one facility in Maryland has had zero COVID-19 cases so far -- despite serving one of the most at-risk populations. Rev. Derrick DeWitt, director of the Maryland Baptist Aged Home, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss his facility's proactive approach, systemic racism and a lack of federal leadership.

EDUCATION	7/9/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	New rules for foreign college students have stunned American academic institutions. The Department of Homeland Security announced Monday that all of the roughly 1 million international students currently enrolled in the U.S. must attend at least one in-person class this fall or be denied visas. We hear student reaction, and Jeffrey Brown talks to Rebecca Blank of University of Wisconsin-Madison.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS/BUSINESS	7/9/2020	6pm	11 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Trump's new North American trade deal, the United States-Mexico-Canada-Agreement, known as USMCA, was applauded at the White House Wednesday, with Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador visiting. But along with the celebration come questions about what the pact means for the U.S. ECONOMY/BUSINESS. Peter Navarro, Trump's trade adviser, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the details.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/9/2020	6pm	15 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled the Manhattan district attorney can obtain President Trump's tax returns. The justices sent a question on House subpoenas for presidential financial records back to a lower court but rejected arguments that the president is immune from investigation. John Yang reports, and Judy Woodruff talks to former Justice Department officials Mary McCord and Jesse Panuccio.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/10/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	NC SPIN	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell analyzes the week's North Carolina issues and examines in-state races that could shape North Carolina's judiciary and legislature.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/10/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	7/13/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In light of the disappearance and murder of Army Specialist Vanessa Guillen, new attention is focused on the problem of sexual harassment and abuse in the U.S. military. How does a military chain of command handle such complaints? Retired Lt. Col. Geoffrey Corn and former Capt. Melissa Bryant join Nick Schiffrin to discuss.

EDUCATION	7/13/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In our news wrap Monday, more than 200 universities have announced their support of a lawsuit against pandemic restrictions on international students. The schools object to the Trump administration's plan to deny visas to students not taking at least one in-person class this fall. Also, the United Nations warned that the coronavirus pandemic could push 130 million more people into chronic hunger.
EDUCATION	7/13/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Although President Trump and EDUCATION Secretary Betsy DeVos are urging schools to reopen in person this fall, other officials fear the health risks are too high, especially as the virus surges in many states. Florida is one of them -- but its EDUCATION commissioner is calling for schools to be physically open nonetheless. Amna Nawaz talks to Fedrick Ingram of the Florida EDUCATION Association.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/13/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	On Friday, President Trump announced he was commuting the three-year prison sentence of his longtime friend and adviser Roger Stone. Stone was convicted by a federal jury of seven felonies, including lying to Congress and obstructing a congressional investigation. But Trump's reprieve of Stone is raising questions and prompting criticism. Lisa Desjardins reports and joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/13/2020	6pm	10 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	NPR's Tamara Keith and Amy Walter of the Cook Political Report join Amna Nawaz to discuss the latest political news, including President Trump's commutation of Roger Stone's prison sentence and the Lincoln Project's TV ad response, Trump's attacks on U.S. health experts during the pandemic and what poll numbers in states struggling with COVID-19 could mean for Trump and Republican senators.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/14/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden released new policy proposals Tuesday aimed at addressing the climate crisis. The plans were informed by a task force put together by former Biden competitor Sen. Bernie Sanders, and they represent a progressive shift for Biden. But will the ideological evolution be enough to win over Sanders supporters? Sanders joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.

EDUCATION	7/14/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	How will the fall of 2020 look for students, families and schools as the pandemic reshapes the EDUCATION landscape? Community colleges, which educate about 40 percent of U.S. undergraduates, were already stretched thin. Now, their enrollment is expected to increase as students and workers change their plans. Hari Sreenivasan reports on how Maryland's Montgomery College and its students are coping.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/14/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The CDC is traditionally seen as the leading government agency to monitor public health and communicate key information to the public. But according to four former heads of the agency, the Trump administration has been interfering in the CDC's central role during this pandemic. Dr. Richard Besser, a former acting director, joins William Brangham to discuss what he argues is a dangerous shift.
EDUCATION	7/14/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In the wake of protests against systemic racism in the U.S., many industries are reexamining past practices and facing questions about their own racial biases. One new effort puts a spotlight on the world of publishing. Jeffrey Brown reports and talks to Simon & Schuster's Dana Canedy, the first Black person to head a major publishing house, for our ongoing series about arts and culture, Canvas.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/14/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	From landmark decisions on immigration and LGBTQ protections to virtual oral arguments amid the pandemic, the Supreme Court's recent term was certainly one for the history books. Amna Nawaz talks to Paul Clement, former U.S. solicitor general under President George W. Bush, Neal Katyal, former acting solicitor general under President Obama and the National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle for analysis.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/15/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In June, the World Health Organization announced the good news that the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo was over. But now, the country is grappling with a new health challenge: COVID-19. Special correspondent Monica Villamizar reports in partnership with the Global Health Reporting Center.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	7/15/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In the weeks since the death of George Floyd sparked nationwide protests over police brutality, racial inequality and the legacy of slavery in this country, Hollywood has been having a reckoning of its own. Jeffrey Brown reports.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	7/15/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	African Americans face immense disparities across a broad range of categories, including economic. That history of disadvantage is making the current problems of COVID-19 even worse. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/15/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The coronavirus rages on -- and so does the rhetorical battle over it. Some 137,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, and more than 3.5 million are infected. While Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease doctor, says the U.S. needs to "call a timeout" to get the virus under control, the Trump administration disagrees. Yamiche Alcindor reports and joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/15/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on CORONAVIRUS	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/16/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The global ECONOMY/BUSINESS is likely to take a massive hit from the pandemic, and the World Bank warns poverty levels will rise as a result. It's already happening in Italy, Europe's third-largest ECONOMY/BUSINESS. The country suffered a devastating human toll from coronavirus, and now an estimated 1 million additional Italians are unable to afford their basic needs. Special correspondent Malcolm Brabant reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/16/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the November presidential election approaches, the Trump administration has been delivering on campaign promises to roll back environmental regulations, reduce legal immigration and eliminate financial protections. Yamiche Alcindor joins Amna Nawaz to discuss the details of these policy shifts -- and how Trump hopes they will give conservatives "something to feel good about."

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/16/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The coronavirus pandemic has shed new light on racial disparities in American health outcomes. Economic disadvantage is one reason Black people in the United States are on average less healthy than white people -- but there are other causes, including the ongoing stress of systemic racism. Paul Solman reports in the second of a two-part Race Matters series.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/17/2020	6pm	18 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, is one of the country's top public health experts. He was initially a prominent figure at Coronavirus Task Force briefings -- but recently, he has been the target of White House criticism. Dr. Fauci joins Judy Woodruff to discuss his relationship with President Trump and recommendations for managing COVID-19.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/17/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	NC SPIN	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell analyzes the week's North Carolina issues and examines in-state races that could shape North Carolina's judiciary and legislature.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/17/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/20/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	American governors are on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19 -- and the economic collapse it prompted. Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, is chairman of the National Governors Association, and he has spoken out recently about failures in the federal pandemic response. Hogan joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the crisis, his forthcoming book, "Still Standing" and his political career.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/20/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	It was just about six months ago that the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in the U.S. Since then, the pandemic has exacted an enormous toll in terms of both human lives and economic harm -- with no end in sight. Amna Nawaz marks the moment with two people focused on solving the pandemic: Dr. Rajiv Shah of the Rockefeller Foundation and John Barry of Tulane University School of Public Health.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/21/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The coronavirus pandemic has dealt a huge blow to the music industry. Large in-person concerts were among the first events to be cancelled and will likely be among the last to resume. And in a recent survey of small U.S. music clubs, 90 percent said they would have to close permanently without government support. But as Jeffrey Brown reports, there are also signs of musical life.
EDUCATION	7/21/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	U.S. colleges and universities are scrambling to finalize their fall plans as coronavirus infections continue to rise in much of the country. While some students, faculty and staff are looking forward to returning to campus, others are raising serious health and safety concerns. Hari Sreenivasan reports on how schools are approaching the decision, as part of our Rethinking College series.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	7/21/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Senate Republicans are considering legislation to sustain a country struggling with the pandemic's economic fallout. The House passed its own proposal in May, but there is still dissent within the GOP about how much new money to allocate to the trillions that have already been approved. Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., joins Judy Woodruff to discuss that, virus testing, reopening schools and more.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/21/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the coronavirus pandemic tears across the globe, the toll exacted in lives lost and ruined grows by the day. But for those already in need, especially the hungry and the starving, COVID-19 is accelerating their nightmares. David Beasley, executive director of the World Food Program, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss the pandemic supply chain and how to keep 270 million people fed in a year of crisis.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/21/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Coronavirus infections and deaths are still climbing in much of the nation, and Florida has become the new national epicenter. With Congress back in session after recess, continuing COVID-19 increases are fueling urgent negotiations on an economic rescue package. But lawmakers are deeply divided about what the legislation should include. Lisa Desjardins reports and joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/22/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	More than 1,000 U.S. deaths from COVID-19 were reported Tuesday. As many states struggle with outbreaks, Dr. Tom Frieden, former head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, says the country desperately needs improved data collection to understand how the virus is spreading -- and to contain it. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss critical metrics and how to obtain and learn from them.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/22/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The question of when a COVID-19 vaccine might be available is perhaps the most pressing in the world. There have been a number of recent headlines on this front, including early but encouraging results from trials. And on Wednesday, the Trump administration awarded a contract to Pfizer and a German biotech firm to potentially deliver doses this year. Miles O'Brien joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	7/23/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Weeks before George Floyd's death fueled national protests over racism and police violence, the killing of Breonna Taylor sparked outrage in Louisville, Kentucky. Her case has now become a national touchpoint for protesters, who often chant, "say her name." As John Yang reports, the city of Louisville's response to the incident, in which police shot Taylor to death, is a flashpoint all its own.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	7/23/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In our news wrap Thursday, as confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S. top 4 million, another 1.4 million Americans have filed for unemployment. But Senate Republicans say they have a tentative agreement with the White House for a new aid package in response to the crisis. Also, a federal judge in New York ordered that Michael Cohen, President Trump's former lawyer, be released from prison again.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	7/23/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The divide between President Trump and local leaders in places where he has deployed federal agents is widening. This week, 15 mayors asked Trump to withdraw federal forces from their cities, citing "fundamental constitutional protections." Former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge, first secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss why he disavows Trump's action.

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	7/23/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In the U.S., child care was expensive and difficult to obtain long before the pandemic. But coronavirus has closed schools, forced parents to work from home and shuttered some care facilities for good. With COVID-19 surging in much of the country, many parents may not be able to return to the workforce full-time. Paul Solman reports on the dilemma they face -- and its economic repercussions.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/23/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Both President Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden have set records with their 2020 campaign fundraising. But the pandemic has drastically altered how that money is spent, with events moving from in-person to online. Guy Cecil, political director for Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential run, and John Brabender, senior advisor for Rick Santorum's 2016 bid, join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/23/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on CORONAVIRUS	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/24/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With President Trump trailing former Vice President Joe Biden in nearly every major national poll, Democrats see November's election as a major opportunity. But the contentious political contests extend beyond the White House to the Senate. Jessica Taylor, senior editor at the Cook Political Report, joins Lisa Desjardins to discuss the current political trends and which key Senate races to watch.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/24/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/27/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	It has been months since Congress passed a coronavirus relief bill into law. The extra \$600 per week in unemployment benefits granted by an earlier piece of legislation expires this Friday, leaving millions of Americans in financial limbo. Though Senate Republicans unveiled their proposed bill on Monday, it's not clear it will garner enough support. Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/27/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In our news wrap Monday, final-stage trials got underway in the biggest COVID-19 study so far. The first of 30,000 volunteers received initial dosages of a vaccine candidate developed by the National Institutes of Health and drugmaker Moderna in record time. Also, the Miami Marlins canceled their first home game amid reports that at least 14 players have tested positive for COVID-19.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/27/2020	6pm	10 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Protesters and police again clashed in a number of U.S. cities over the weekend, including Portland, Oregon, and Seattle. President Trump has defended sending federal law enforcement to the cities, but many local officials say their presence is only exacerbating the existing unrest. Amna Nawaz reports and talks to the mayor of Seattle, Jenny Durkan, about what she's seeing in her city.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/28/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Throughout the pandemic, President Trump and his team continue to pursue policies cracking down on immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border. The administration said Tuesday it will try to find new ways to end DACA, and recently a legal battle ensued over migrant children in U.S. custody amid COVID-19. Amna Nawaz joins Judy Woodruff to discuss Trump's latest push to implement his immigration agenda.
EDUCATION	7/28/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The pandemic has upended the traditional model of higher EDUCATION, particularly for residential colleges. As many schools announce plans to charge full tuition while continuing with remote learning, some students and parents are questioning whether the price is worth it. Hari Sreenivasan reports on a new effort to rethink the value, and the cost, of traditional college in the coronavirus era.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	7/28/2020	6pm	10 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The emergency unemployment benefits millions of Americans have been receiving are proving to be a major dividing point for lawmakers working on a coronavirus relief package. Should the extra \$600 per week be extended through the end of 2020, or tapered to a smaller amount? The American Enterprise Institute's Michael Strain and the University of Chicago's Austan Goolsbee join Judy Woodruff to discuss.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/29/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Leaders of four tech giants testified on Capitol Hill Wednesday, with lawmakers grilling them about whether they are too dominant. The CEOs of Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google appeared by video at a hearing of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, which has been investigating the companies for more than a year over possible unfair practices toward their competition. Amna Nawaz reports.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/29/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	COVID-19 can be accompanied by secondary bacterial infections with deadly consequences. But the industry that researches and produces antibiotics to fight such illnesses has been upended -- and the pandemic is only making things worse. Now, medical experts worry about the long-term health implications of not having cutting-edge antibiotics in the pharmaceutical pipeline. Paul Solman reports.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/29/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The CEOs of Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google encountered intense scrutiny from House lawmakers on Wednesday, particularly over whether they leverage unfair business practices to prevent their competition from succeeding. Is American antitrust law sufficient to handle the rapidly changing landscape of technology? Dipayan Ghosh of the Harvard Kennedy School joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	7/29/2020	6pm	12 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Wednesday he was open to striking a narrow deal to extend federal unemployment benefits set to expire at the end of the week, as signs emerged that both parties in Congress and the White House remained far apart on a long-term fix for workers hurt by the coronavirus pandemic.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/29/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on CORONAVIRUS	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/30/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In our news wrap Thursday, NASA has launched Perseverance, the largest and most advanced rover ever sent to Mars. It blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, with a mission to drill for rock samples that could indicate whether life once existed on that planet. Also, businessman and former Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain died in Atlanta of coronavirus. He was 74 years old.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	7/30/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	On Thursday, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to respond to concerns about the status of the State Department. Lawmakers have questioned widespread department vacancies and whether career diplomats are being sidelined, as well as the dismissal of an inspector general and Pompeo's own conduct. Nick Schiffrin joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/30/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. recorded more than 1,400 coronavirus deaths Wednesday. Hospitalizations are up significantly, and at least five states reported single-day death records this week. With the national death toll from the pandemic now over 150,000, many public health experts say we need to change our approach. Brown University's Dr. Megan Ranney, an emergency physician, joins William Brangham to discuss.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	7/30/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The antibiotics industry has suffered an alarming collapse that has become even more troubling as secondary bacterial infections threaten patients with COVID-19. Why has production of these vital medicines stagnated, and what can be done to address the problem? Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports on why lifesaving drugs don't necessarily translate to lucrative businesses.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	7/30/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The coronavirus pandemic leveled the economy in the second quarter of the year, leading to the worst collapse since the Great Depression. Gross domestic product fell by more than 9 percent between April and June. While some parts of the ECONOMY/BUSINESS have improved since, weekly jobless claims are rising again. Harvard University economist Ken Rogoff joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the outlook.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/31/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the coronavirus continues to rage, logistical questions remain about August's scaled-back and mostly virtual Democratic National Convention. But the biggest unknown is who will share the stage with former Vice President Joe Biden when he accepts his party's 2020 nomination. Lisa Desjardins reports with the latest on the women who are favored to become Biden's running mate.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/31/2020	6pm	10 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., chairs the Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, which heard testimony Friday from top U.S. health officials about the status of the pandemic. Clyburn joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the hearing, plus his views on providing additional economic relief to struggling Americans and the importance of having a Black woman as Joe Biden's running mate.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	7/31/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.

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AUGUST						
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/3/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	COVID-19 continues to spread across the U.S., but children in some southern states returned to school Monday -- causing parents to worry about potential virus transmission. Meanwhile, negotiations over a new economic relief bill continued between the White House and Congress, with both sides reporting progress. Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the numbers and when to expect a deal.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/3/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	TikTok is under intense political scrutiny. The U.S. Department of Justice has expressed concerns that the video-streaming app's Chinese parent company, ByteDance, may be sharing user data with the Chinese government. Now tech giant Microsoft says it's interested in purchasing TikTok -- an idea President Trump says he supports. Nick Schiffrin talks to cybersecurity expert Samm Sacks of New America.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/3/2020	6pm	13 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With the election nearing and many parts of the U.S. in the grips of COVID-19, mail-in ballots have become a prominent issue. But President Trump has disparaged both the U.S. Postal Service and the integrity of voting by mail. What effect could his criticism have? William Brangham talks to Mark Dimondstein of the American Postal Workers Union and then Spencer Cox, lieutenant governor of Utah.
EDUCATION	8/4/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	U.S. colleges have struggled with how to conduct the upcoming academic year amid the coronavirus pandemic. With many schools deciding to offer only remote classes but still charging full tuition, the pandemic has added a new urgency to questions about the cost and value of higher education. Hari Sreenivasan reports on one school that is cutting tuition -- and planning to maintain the reduction.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/4/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	According to pro-democracy institutions, authoritarianism was on the rise globally even before the coronavirus pandemic hit. But experts say the distraction of the crisis has allowed some leaders to indulge their dictatorial impulses without attracting much attention from the people they govern. Nick Schiffrin reports and talks to The Atlantic's Anne Applebaum about this dangerous global dynamic.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/4/2020	6pm	11 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Former Vice President Joe Biden's wife, Jill Biden, is among his closest advisors and an integral voice in his process of choosing a running mate. Her book "Where the Light Enters: Building a Family, Discovering Myself," first published in 2019, was issued in paperback Tuesday. Dr. Biden joins Judy Woodruff to discuss healing from heartbreak and why her husband would make a good president.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/4/2020	6pm	13 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Unemployment benefits for millions of American expired last week and Congress and the White House are still struggling to come to an agreement on the next coronavirus relief package.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/5/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Stuart Stevens is one of the Republican Party's most successful campaign strategists, with a career spanning decades. In his revealing new book, "It Was All a Lie: How the Republican Party Became Donald Trump," Stevens admits the GOP uses race as an issue to divide Americans and win elections -- and says the party has abandoned its principles in the Trump era. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/5/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The planned summer conventions of both parties have been reduced and reimagined due to the coronavirus pandemic, rendering this election year different from any other. And of course millions of American lives have been upended due to COVID-19 and the recession. The Washington Post's Gary Abernathy and freelance journalist Sarah Smarsh join Judy Woodruff to discuss what U.S. voters are thinking.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS/BUSINESS	8/6/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	American businesses suffering through the pandemic's economic fallout have received hundreds of billions of dollars in federal loans since the Paycheck Protection Program opened this spring. But accessing that funding was challenging for business owners with criminal records. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports as part of our new series, Searching for Justice.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/6/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As another 1.2 million Americans file for unemployment amid the pandemic's economic wreckage, Congress and the White House are still stalled on a deal for a new coronavirus relief package. President Trump's top economic adviser, Lawrence Kudlow, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss where negotiations stand as the two sides seek "compromises" and potential executive action Trump is prepared to take.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/6/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	U.S. schools are still struggling with questions about how to open for the new academic year. In some cases, districts have reversed course in just the past few weeks, based on changing coronavirus circumstances. How are teachers enduring this uncertainty -- and their own fear? We hear from some of them, and William Brangham talks to Aleesia Johnson, superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/7/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Although the economy has regained some ground since the pandemic sent it reeling, millions of Americans are still jobless and struggling. Meanwhile, the coronavirus continues to spread across the country. Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, who recently tested positive on one test and then negative on a second, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss unemployment aid, virus testing and long-term lessons for the U.S.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/7/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/10/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. has now recorded more than 5 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 160,000 deaths -- over 22 percent of the worldwide totals. Many American public health experts warn that the U.S. is at another important crossroads in its response to the pandemic. Dr. Peter Hotez, an infectious disease specialist at the Baylor College of Medicine, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss his recommendations.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/10/2020	6pm	10 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Trump took a series of executive actions on Saturday to ease the economic strain of the COVID-19 pandemic, such as additional jobless benefits and a pause on federal student loan payments. But the moves, which bypassed Congress, prompted a flurry of questions, including about their legality. Yamiche Alcindor reports and joins Lisa Desjardins and Judy Woodruff to discuss the details.
EDUCATION	8/11/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	For higher education, the pandemic has forced major questions about affordability and cost into the spotlight. Both students and parents are hesitant to spend tens of thousands of dollars on classes taken via video, and many feel that the loss of on-campus life upends the college value proposition entirely. Scott Galloway, a marketing professor at New York University, joins John Yang to discuss.

EDUCATION	8/11/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the new academic year gets underway, college students, parents, administrators and faculty are deliberating over whether it will be safe to hold in-person classes and resume dorm life. And residents of the surrounding towns and cities worry about the risk that returning students could bring coronavirus back to campus with them. John Yang reports on one Massachusetts town's dilemma.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/11/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The choice of Senator Kamala Harris as former Vice President Joe Biden's running mate answers a question that has dominated the race for weeks. For analysis of what Harris will bring to the ticket, Judy Woodruff talks to Ian Sams, press secretary for Harris' own presidential campaign, and Aimee Allison, founder of She the People, an organization that advocates for women of color in politics.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/12/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Former Vice President Joe Biden and California Sen. Kamala Harris hit the campaign trail Wednesday afternoon. At a joint appearance in Wilmington, Delaware, the two took the stage in front of reporters, but no supporters, to share their vision for defeating President Trump. Lisa Desjardins and Daniel Bush join Judy Woodruff to discuss the messaging and the delivery for this groundbreaking ticket.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/12/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With less than three months until Election Day, most of the nation's attention has been focused on the presidential race. But more than 20 candidates who support a far-right conspiracy theory will be on the ballot for Congressional races in November. Amna Nawaz reports and talks to Travis View, co-host of the "QAnon Anonymous" podcast.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/12/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Young people are making up a large proportion of the new coronavirus infections being seen across the U.S. In some states, such as Arizona and Florida, people under 45 account for more than half of all cases. Doctors are warning that young people need to take more precautions -- not only to keep from spreading the virus to older Americans, but for their own health as well. Stephanie Sy reports.
EDUCATION	8/12/2020	6pm	11 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Many school districts across the country say they are not ready to bring students back for in-person learning due to the spread of COVID-19 in their communities. But President Trump continues to pressure them to reopen as normal, making the case for that approach at the White House again Wednesday. Kellyanne Conway, counselor to the president, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the risks.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/12/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on CORONAVIRUS	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/13/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The pandemic is pushing more voters to cast ballots by mail. While most evidence shows that voting fraud is extremely rare, President Trump has been claiming the opposite. Now he's criticizing the idea of more funding for the U.S. Postal Service, which congressional Democrats say is needed to support the increase in mail-in voting. William Brangham talks to ProPublica's Jessica Huseman.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/13/2020	6pm	13 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, urged caution on Thursday as countries race to develop an effective vaccine for COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. "Just to say you have a vaccine doesn't mean that you should be administering the vaccine," Fauci said of Russia's recent decision to approve a vaccine, which was met with skepticism by the scientific community.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/14/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The summer job is a rite of passage for many teens and younger adults. Because of the pandemic, however, traditional roles such as camp counselor, lifeguard and waiter, are scarce. But as John Yang reports, some local governments are providing these young people with other unemployment options, from computer coding to coronavirus test coordination.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/14/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. Postal Service is warning that it may not be able to deliver all mail-in ballots in time for them to be counted for the election. That message was communicated in letters sent to state officials around the country, and it raised the prospects of big problems in November. William Brangham reports and talks to The Washington Post's Erin Cox about the challenges and what voters can do.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/14/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Nearly 10 months after the NBA season began, the professional basketball league will hold its first playoff games. Teams and their staff are playing in a so-called bubble in Orlando, Florida, where they are required to stay. Meanwhile, the league is publicly supporting Black Lives Matter, printing the message on the court. Commissioner Adam Silver joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the unusual season.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/14/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/17/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The Democratic National Convention is kicking off Monday night in an unprecedented virtual format. Events will be anchored from Milwaukee, the convention's original host city, but occur at various locations across the country. Meanwhile, President Trump spent the day holding a series of campaign-style events of his own. Lisa Desjardins and Yamiche Alcindor join Judy Woodruff to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/17/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the Democratic National Convention proceeds, the NewsHour will be talking to some prominent members of the party. We start with Pete Buttigieg, former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, who was competing against former Vice President Joe Biden for the Democratic presidential nomination only a few months ago. Buttigieg joins Judy Woodruff to discuss Biden's "instinct to heal, rather than to divide."
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/17/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The battle surrounding the U.S. Postal Service is intensifying. After the postmaster general made policy changes affecting mail delivery that could potentially jeopardize mail-in voting in November, House Democrats said they'll draft legislation in response -- even changing their summer recess to do so. William Brangham reports and talks to S. David Fineman, former chairman of the U.S.P.S. board.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/18/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The Senate Intelligence Committee has released the fifth and final report on Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. It concludes that the 2016 Trump campaign's contacts with Russia posed a grave national counterintelligence threat but offers no determination on whether the campaign deliberately worked with Russia to sway the election. Nick Schiffrin joins Stephanie Sy to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/18/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The opening night of the Democratic National Convention featured several Republicans who plan to vote for Joe Biden in the November election, including John Kasich, former governor of Ohio and a 2016 Republican presidential candidate himself. But some Republican groups, such as the Lincoln Project, are going farther to support a Democratic candidate in ways never before seen. John Yang reports.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/18/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	On Night 2 of the Democratic National Convention, delegates will officially nominate former Vice President Joe Biden as their 2020 presidential candidate. Meanwhile, new developments in the ongoing saga over the U.S. Postal Service, with the postmaster general delaying some policy moves and President Trump saying he wants to add funding. Judy Woodruff talks to Lisa Desjardins and Yamiche Alcindor.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/18/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	A special international tribunal has found a Hezbollah agent guilty of assassinating former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafic Hariri in a deadly blast 15 years ago. Although the decision doesn't implicate Hezbollah explicitly, it comes at a tense moment for the U.S.-designated terror group, on whom political and financial pressure is growing. Special correspondent Jane Ferguson reports from Beirut.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/18/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Miles Taylor served as chief of staff at the Department of Homeland Security during the Trump administration. He made headlines Monday when he became the highest-ranking former administration official to break with the president and throw his support behind Joe Biden. Taylor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss his concerns about President Trump's character and why he chose this moment to share them.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/19/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As Democrats gear up for the third night of their convention, they are looking to clarify policy positions and emphasize the role of women in the party. Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff to discuss Sen. Kamala Harris' upcoming historic speech, controversy over how much time has been allocated to progressive speakers and what to look for as Wilmington, Delaware, welcomes convention events.

ECONOMY/BUSINESS/BUSINESS	8/19/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With tens of millions of Americans reeling financially from the coronavirus pandemic, the future of the U.S. economy is on the minds of many. Both President Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden are seeking to convince voters they can revive the country. But what do their respective policies suggest? Paul Solman analyzes some of Biden's key economic proposals -- and how he would pay for them.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/19/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Throughout the week, we have heard from a number of Joe Biden's former rivals who have now come to support him in his bid for the White House. One of them, Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss how she thinks the Democratic National Convention is going so far, why this is a "personal" election, the challenges of virtual campaigning and Biden's chance of winning Minnesota.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/19/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Democrats are currently favored to maintain control of the House, but gaining a Senate majority is another matter entirely. The party would need to pick up three new seats if Joe Biden wins the presidency, and four if President Trump is reelected. The Democrat seen as the most vulnerable of those senators up for reelection is Alabama's Doug Jones, who joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the party.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/19/2020	6pm	13 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Donald Trump won the White House in 2016 by taking several key swing states that former President Barack Obama had won in 2008 and 2012, including Michigan, Ohio and Florida. Each of these is expected to be a battleground again this year. Democratic Reps. Debbie Dingell of Michigan, Tim Ryan of Ohio and Val Demings of Florida join Judy Woodruff to discuss their states' political landscapes.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/19/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on CORONAVIRUS	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/20/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	One of the goals of this year's Democratic National Convention is to unite a divided party. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders was former Vice President Joe Biden's biggest challenger during the Democratic primaries, and some of his supporters have vowed not to support Biden. Sanders joins Judy Woodruff to discuss working with Biden on policy proposals and progressive representation at the DNC.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/20/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Thursday marks the final day of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, after a week of speakers, discussions and celebrations. To conclude the event, the party's presidential candidate, Joe Biden, will formally accept his nomination. But President Trump is wasting no time in criticizing Biden's policies. Lisa Desjardins and Yamiche Alcindor join Judy Woodruff to discuss the latest campaign news.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/20/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Former Vice President Al Gore is among the few people who know what it's like to deliver an acceptance speech for a major party's presidential nomination. In a year when we might not learn the results on Election Day, Gore has a unique perspective. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the DNC, his history with Joe Biden and why he believes Biden's climate platform is critical to "saving the future."

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/20/2020	6pm	11 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was one of several high-profile women to address the country Wednesday night at the Democratic National Convention. The California Democrat shared her support for the Biden-Harris ticket -- and her concerns about President Trump. Pelosi joins Judy Woodruff to discuss her reaction to the first virtual convention, legislative action on the U.S. Postal Service and more.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/20/2020	6pm	17 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Former Vice President Joe Biden has spent decades in public office. On Thursday night, he will finally accept the Democratic Party's nomination for president. We look back at Biden's personal story, fraught with tragedy and resilience, and his long political career as he arrives at this professional milestone. Lisa Desjardins reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/21/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	On Thursday, Joe Biden formally accepted the Democratic Party's presidential nomination. He slammed President Trump for his response to the coronavirus pandemic, saying the U.S. economy is "in tatters" and characterizing the election as a battle for America's soul. Meanwhile, President Trump and the Republicans fired back criticism as they prepared for their own convention. Amna Nawaz reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/21/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Face masks have become part of our daily lives in a way few would have anticipated only months ago. Yet the coronavirus pandemic is not the first American crisis in which face coverings have played a central role. The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History is preserving artifacts from this pandemic -- and placing them in historical context. Jeffrey Brown reports.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/21/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Recent policy changes at the United States Postal Service, combined with President Trump's false claims that fraud mars the integrity of voting by mail, have raised concerns over voting during the pandemic this fall. How can Americans be sure their votes will be received and counted? For our series "Ask us," Amna Nawaz talks to David Becker of the Center for Election Innovation and Research.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/21/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The USPS postmaster general testified before a Senate committee Friday, facing lawmaker scrutiny of recent policy changes that have reportedly caused widespread delays in mail delivery. Democrats have accused Louis DeJoy of sabotage, saying he's trying to limit voting by mail, which is expected to surge this fall due to the pandemic. William Brangham reports and joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/21/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/24/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., one of his party's top-ranking members of Congress, is addressing the Republican National Convention Monday night. He also represents the first district of Louisiana, where residents are bracing for not one, but two tropical storms this week. Scalise joins Judy Woodruff to discuss those topics, plus the USPS, passing coronavirus relief legislation and health care.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/24/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Throughout the Republican National Convention, we'll be talking to prominent members of the party. One of them is Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, who was scheduled to participate in convention activities but decided to stay home in Little Rock as his state grapples with coronavirus. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss what he's hoping for at the RNC, coronavirus relief legislation and racial healing.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/25/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Trump and his supporters kicked off the Republican National Convention on Monday, with speakers characterizing a potential Joe Biden presidency as disastrous. Melania Trump will lead the lineup Tuesday night. Meanwhile, there is some controversy over Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's decision to appear at the event. Yamiche Alcindor and Nick Schifrin join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/25/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia is one of President Trump's strongest defenders in the House of Representatives. He is also challenging Republican Sen. Kelly Loeffler for her Senate seat this November. As the second night of the Republican National Convention continues, Collins joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the party's message, peaceful protests and his relationship with Trump.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/25/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	A key line of attack on Night 1 of the Republican National Convention was against what the GOP sees as extreme political correctness from the left. But the debate about so-called "cancel culture" extends beyond politics, and a recent Harper's Magazine letter that drew national attention reveals how blurry the lines are. Jeffrey Brown reports for our arts and culture series, Canvas.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/26/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Questions are again being raised about whether the Trump administration is injecting politics into science -- and the national pandemic response. Recent moves by the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention appear to conflict with the medical community's consensus on handling COVID-19. William Brangham talks to Dr. Thomas Frieden, former head of the CDC.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/26/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Ronna McDaniel is the chairwoman of the Republican National Committee and has played a key role in planning this week's convention. From her party's headquarters in Washington, D.C., McDaniel joins Judy Woodruff to discuss her goals for the RNC and whether they are being achieved, what she applauds about President Trump's record and why she thinks voters will choose him over Joe Biden.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/26/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on CORONAVIRUS	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/27/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	On Night 3 of the Republican National Convention, speakers reiterated their argument that the soul of America is at stake during this election. Vice President Pence delivered his keynote address before a mostly unmasked crowd at Baltimore's Fort McHenry, hailing the federal response to the pandemic. The programming also emphasized themes of patriotism and national security. Amna Nawaz reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/27/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The Republican National Convention concludes Thursday night with President Trump accepting his party's nomination for a second term. In an unprecedented move, his speech will take place at the White House -- usually kept separate from political campaigning. Meanwhile, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris made their own vocal appearances. Yamiche Alcindor and Lisa Desjardins join Judy Woodruff to discuss.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/27/2020	6pm	10 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Ahead of the Republican National Convention's final night, on which President Trump will accept his party's nomination for a second term, White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the message he believes is being shared at the RNC, his views on athlete protests of police violence and why he's not worried that he's transmitting coronavirus by not wearing a mask.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/27/2020	6pm	18 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As President Trump formally accepts the Republican nomination for a second term in office, we take a look back at how he went from real estate and reality TV to president of the United States -- and what he has done since then. Yamiche Alcindor reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/28/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	On the Republican National Convention's final night, President Trump accepted his party's nomination for a second term -- using the White House as a campaign backdrop. Trump painted the election in stark terms, calling opponent Joe Biden "the destroyer of America's jobs" whose policies would unleash crime and disorder, while touting his own coronavirus response as a success. Amna Nawaz reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/28/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/31/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With Election Day just over two months away, Americans will begin casting ballots in a few weeks. The U.S. intelligence community has already warned of multiple attempts by foreign powers to intervene in the November election. But now comes word of changes in how top U.S. intelligence officials will brief Congress about the threats. Lisa Desjardins and Nick Schiffrin join Judy Woodruff to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	8/31/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	This summer has seen mass protests stretch across the United States, some of them yielding vandalism and violence. The presence of armed civilian groups at these demonstrations seems to be on the rise, further raising the stakes in situations already tense. Amna Nawaz talks to Georgetown University's Mary McCord, former Justice Department acting assistant attorney general for national security.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	8/31/2020	6pm	12 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The presidential election may determine the course of U.S. health care. America's health system is the most expensive in the world, brimming with innovation but also leaving more than 30 million people uninsured. How does it compare to services in other modern industrialized nations? William Brangham reports from Houston for the first in a new series, "The Best Health Care? America & the World."

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SEPTEMBER						
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/1/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The United States Census is always a daunting challenge, but in 2020, the effort is further complicated by the novel coronavirus pandemic. With a compressed timeline to complete the once-per-decade population count, some census officials worry that the effort is being politicized -- and is likely to undercount certain groups. Amna Nawaz talks to NPR's Hansi Lo Wang, who covers the Census Bureau.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/3/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Some of the federal government's top health officials are suggesting a vaccine for COVID-19 could be released in less than two months. The move would be made through a special emergency authorization of the Food and Drug Administration. But the accelerated speed of the process is also raising questions. Amna Nawaz reports and talks to Dr. Michael Mina of Harvard's School of Public Health.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/3/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. has the world's most expensive health care system, but it leaves roughly 30 million people uninsured. As policymakers consider making changes, some are looking to Australia as a model. That nation has achieved universal health coverage at a lower cost, using a successful mix of public and private systems. William Brangham reports for our series The Best Health Care? America and the World.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/4/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Our series on universal health care, The Best Health Care? America and the World, was filmed before the novel coronavirus pandemic exploded. How have the three countries we explored -- the United Kingdom, Switzerland and Australia -- responded to this global crisis? And what lessons might they offer the United States? William Brangham reports and talks to Dr. Ashish Jha, our series collaborator.

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	9/4/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. economy is continuing to climb back from its worst depths during the pandemic. The latest unemployment report contained good news about workers returning to the labor force, and about half of the 22 million jobs originally shed have been recovered. But how are average Americans faring financially? We hear from some of them, and economist Diane Swonk joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/4/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/7/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As summer comes to a close, the United States is averaging about 830 coronavirus deaths per day, along with tens of thousands of new cases. Although testing for the virus has improved, problems with access and obtaining expedient results persist. But Dr. Atul Gawande of Brigham and Women's Hospital has a plan for how testing can be improved. He joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/8/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The presidential election of 2020 is expected to be the most expensive in history. Both President Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden are drawing hundreds of millions in contributions -- despite a difficult year for fundraising. What's behind the rising costs of campaigning? Amna Nawaz talks to Campaign Legal Center's Adav Noti, formerly a Federal Election Commission lawyer.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/8/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Countries around the world have pursued different strategies to cope with the coronavirus pandemic. While many implemented shutdowns, including Denmark, nearby Sweden took a different approach, trusting citizens to follow social-distancing guidelines on their own and setting an objective of herd immunity. Special correspondent Malcolm Brabant reports on how the two responses played out.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/8/2020	6pm	13 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Health care is a top issue for voters in this fall's presidential election, with Americans still divided over the Affordable Care Act. Yamiche Alcindor and Lisa Desjardins explain the policies of President Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, and William Brangham talks to Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel of the University of Pennsylvania and the Hoover Institution's Lanhee Chen for analysis.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/8/2020	7:30pm	60 minutes	Suicide Prevention Town Hall	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/9/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With Election Day now less than two months away, how will revelations that President Trump intentionally misled Americans about coronavirus risk affect voter intent? The Washington Post's Gary Abernathy and Kansas-based journalist Sarah Smarsh, author of "Heartland," join Judy Woodruff to discuss that as well as what they are hearing about the pandemic and the economic downturn it caused.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	9/9/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Black and Latino Americans are suffering disproportionately from the novel coronavirus pandemic -- both in terms of health and economic harm. These groups are three times as likely to contract the virus as white Americans and nearly twice as likely to die from it. Meanwhile, people of color are feeling the recession keenly, with many reporting job or income loss. Yamiche Alcindor reports.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	9/9/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The Justice Department has moved to intervene in a defamation lawsuit against President Trump. In 2019, columnist E. Jean Carroll accused Trump of raping her years ago, and later claimed his denunciations amounted to defamation. William Brangham talks to David Laufman, a former DOJ official under multiple administrations, about what he calls an "inappropriate" intervention by the attorney general.

LOCAL & LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/10/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	U.S. elections continue to be a target of foreign interference. Microsoft announced Thursday that Russia, China and Iran are all trying to hack campaigns and officials. The news comes one day after a whistleblower from the Department of Homeland Security claimed he was urged to downplay the Russian threat and skew intelligence reports. Nick Schiffrin and Amna Nawaz join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/10/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	While the political fallout from President Trump's coronavirus comments to Bob Woodward continues, what about the public health repercussions? Would America have fared better if Trump had treated the virus more seriously from the beginning? Ed Yong of The Atlantic, who has reported extensively on America's pandemic response, joins William Brangham to discuss.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/10/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	For many Americans facing addiction, the pandemic has made life significantly harder. Across the country, overdoses have soared, with more than 40 states reporting increases in opioid-related mortality. But the coronavirus is also changing how addiction medicine can be provided, and some experts are saying that could be a silver lining in a devastating public health crisis. Stephanie Sy reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/11/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The 2020 presidential race struck a somber note Friday, as President Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden observed the 19th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Both candidates visited the Pennsylvania memorial to Flight 93 but did not cross paths there. Yamiche Alcindor reports, and Daniel Bush joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the campaigns and ongoing battles over mail-in ballots.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/11/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.

LOCAL & LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/15/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Tuesday represents the last primary elections before November. Once winners are declared in Delaware, we'll know the nominees for every congressional race in the country. What dynamics are at play in the House and Senate? Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff to discuss which races to watch in the contest for control on Capitol Hill as well as the record amounts of money being spent on campaigning.
EDUCATION	9/15/2020	6pm	11 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	After months of distance learning, students around the world are returning to the classroom -- even though many countries are bracing themselves for a second wave of coronavirus infections. What does the pandemic mean for children, parents and teachers this academic year? We take a global look, with special correspondents Olly Barratt, Lucy Hough, Patrick Hok and Michael Baleke reporting.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/15/2020	6pm	12 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Jared Kushner, a senior adviser to President Trump as well as his son-in-law, played an instrumental role in negotiating the normalization of Israel's relations with Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. What does it mean for the Middle East more broadly? Kushner joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the deal, the pandemic and climate change.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/15/2020	7:30pm	60 minutes	Suicide Prevention Town Hall	Public Affairs	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
LOCAL & LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/16/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Due to the pandemic, tens of millions more Americans plan to vote by mail than in past elections. But there has been a lot of misinformation around that process, with President Trump making baseless claims about fraud and tampering. William Brangham reports on the current status of voting by mail, how to make sure your vote is counted and why we should readjust our timeline for election results

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/16/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	How do you break a stalemate? Congress and the White House remain at odds over providing relief for economic casualties of the coronavirus pandemic. But a group of House members from both parties is trying to spark progress by unveiling a proposal of their own. John Yang reports and talks to Reps. Josh Gottheimer, D-N.J., and Tom Reed, R-N.Y., co-chairs of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/16/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the November election approaches, we continue to look at how Americans across the country are thinking about it. Patricia Lopez, an editorial writer for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, and Daniel Garza, president of the LIBRE Initiative and a former George W. Bush administration staffer, join Judy Woodruff to discuss what they're hearing from voters about mail-in ballots and the candidates.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/17/2020	6pm	10 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	COVID-19 vaccine development continues to be the subject of political jostling, with President Trump contradicting top U.S. health officials regarding timeline and efficacy. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say they expect to distribute vaccines publicly at no cost to the patient. But what will the government pay, and how much could drug companies profit? Paul Solman reports.
COMMUNITY	9/17/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	Elder Abuse is a serious issue in North Carolina. The season three debut focuses on the issue with reports from Johnston County. Anita Brown-Graham hosts.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/18/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The Trump administration is going ahead with plans to ban two popular Chinese social media apps. Starting Sunday, Americans will no longer be able to download TikTok or WeChat from Apple or Google app stores, although current versions of TikTok will still be usable. What are the concerns motivating the policy? Nick Thompson, editor-in-chief of WIRED Magazine, joins William Brangham to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/18/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
LOCAL & LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/21/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has already launched a high-stakes political battle over whether President Trump and Senate Republicans can push through a nomination and fill her seat before the November election. Yamiche Alcindor and Lisa Desjardins join Judy Woodruff to discuss names being considered to replace Ginsburg and the logistics involved in nominating and confirming a justice.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/21/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death leaving an opening on the U.S. Supreme Court mere weeks from the presidential election, a political battle is escalating over whether President Trump and Senate Republicans should push through a nominee before the country votes. Can Democrats stop them? New Hampshire Sen. Maggie Hassan joins Judy Woodruff to discuss Ginsburg's legacy and what comes next.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/22/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	A growing body of evidence indicates that airborne transmission is the main way people are becoming infected with the novel coronavirus. Given that understanding, how should we change our behavior to reduce our risk of infection? William Brangham talks to Virginia Tech's Dr. Linsey Marr about aerosols vs. droplets, ventilation and more.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/22/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Our understanding of how the novel coronavirus spreads is still evolving. Early in the pandemic, there was great concern about the potential for infection from surface contact. But since then, evidence has pointed to human-to-human transmission as the primary vehicle of infection. Yet this research is not necessarily being broadly communicated to the American public. Stephanie Sy reports.

EDUCATION	9/22/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, many academic institutions across the country are dealing with outbreaks -- or offering only virtual learning in an attempt to prevent them. But one liberal arts school in Maine is seeking to avoid either fate. In partnership with Maine Public, Jeffrey Brown reports on Colby College's efforts to manage the virus through a robust testing and tracing plan.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/22/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death has left an opening on the Supreme Court only weeks before Election Day. President Trump and the Senate GOP say they plan to fill the vacancy before the country votes. Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso, the Senate's third-highest ranking Republican, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss why he supports moving forward with confirmation hearings for Trump's choice of successor.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/23/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Amid memorials for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the political fight over confirming her replacement is already in full swing. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the Senate's second-highest ranking Democrat, is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He joins Lisa Desjardins to discuss why he thinks Republicans are being inconsistent about filling this Supreme Court vacancy and what happens next.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/23/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The fight over nominating a replacement for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is consuming Capitol Hill and upending the election, which is already underway in many states. How are American voters reacting to the court vacancy and other key political issues? John Yang talks to Washington Post columnist Gary Abernathy, who is based in Ohio, and author and journalist Sarah Smarsh, based in Kansas.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	9/23/2020	6pm	10 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The killing of Breonna Taylor at the hands of Louisville police galvanized a national protest movement. On Wednesday, one of the officers was indicted on criminal charges in the case -- but they weren't for Taylor's death. Many in Louisville and across the country are angry and frustrated with this outcome. Amna Nawaz reports and talks to author and professor Paul Butler of Georgetown Law School.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/24/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Amid coronavirus and Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death, health care is becoming an even more prominent issue in the presidential race. The Affordable Care Act's fate could be determined by the Supreme Court right after the election. Now, President Trump has issued two health-related executive orders. But do they have real impact? William Brangham talks to The Washington Post's Paige Winfield Cunningham.
SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/24/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Even amid the pandemic, the threat of cancer looms significant. Estimates suggest that more than 42,000 people will die from breast cancer alone this year, and more than 275,000 new cases will be diagnosed. But millions are also surviving the disease; NewsHour producer Ali Rogin is one of them. She joins Judy Woodruff to discuss her new book, "Beat Breast Cancer Like a Boss: 30 Powerful Stories."
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/24/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Trump's refusal to commit to a peaceful transition of power is tied to his criticism and false statements about voting by mail, which is expected to reach record levels in this election. Trump insists it can't be trusted -- but many state and local election officials disagree. Miles O'Brien reports on how voting by mail works -- and what past experience indicates about its reliability.
COMMUNITY	9/24/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	Maintaining food supply chains and alleviating food deserts is challenge in the quest to providing all North Carolinians access to affordable and healthy food. Anita Brown Graham hosts.

ENVIRONMENT	9/25/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	During his first term, President Trump has rolled back or weakened more than 100 environmental regulations. On Friday, his administration moved to open up the country's largest national forest for development. Alaska's Tongass National Forest has been called "America's Amazon," and it absorbs about 8 percent of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions. Amna Nawaz talks to The New York Times' Coral Davenport.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/25/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	This year's presidential election faces unprecedented challenges, between the pandemic and President Trump's efforts to sow doubt about the integrity of voting by mail -- and whether he would accept an election loss. Is American democracy positioned to handle the threat? William Brangham talks to Barton Gellman, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The Atlantic, which recently covered the story.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/25/2020	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row	Public Affairs	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/28/2020	6pm	11 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	After years of secrecy, President Trump's finances are examined in a New York Times investigative report. What does it tell us about his business practices and income taxes? David Cay Johnston, an investigative journalist and author who has long followed President Trump's business dealings, and Peter Faber, a tax attorney who often advises wealthy clients, join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/28/2020	6pm	12 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Nominating a judge to the U.S. Supreme Court is one of the most important decisions a president makes. Who is President Trump's newest pick, Amy Coney Barrett? John Yang reports and talks to John Adams, who clerked for Judge Barrett on the federal appeals court in Chicago, and Victoria Nourse, a Georgetown Law School professor who was Joe Biden's chief counsel when he was vice president.

SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	9/29/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	More than 1 million people have died from the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide, with a total of 33 million confirmed cases. How do we make sense of such staggering numbers, and what can we do to change this tragic trajectory? Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove of the World Health Organization joins William Brangham to discuss the magnitude of this global catastrophe -- and how we can minimize more harm.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	9/29/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In the first presidential debate of the general election, both candidates want to perform well and avoid mistakes. How are they preparing before they take the stage? Republican strategist Brett O'Donnell, who worked with five presidential candidates on debate prep, and Democratic strategist Jennifer Palmieri, Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign communications director, join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
EDUCATION	9/29/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The past few weeks have represented a back-to-school period like no other in recent memory. How are students, teachers, parents and administrators adapting to an academic year reshaped by the pandemic? We hear directly from some of them, and Daniel Domenech, executive director of the School Superintendents Association, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss the tough questions about reopening.