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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained issues during the preceding three-month period.

KDKA-TV News has ascertained that during the 3rd Quarter 2020, that these subjects were of concern to Pittsburgh, PA viewing area residents. KDKA-TV News broadcast several stories during this quarter on these subjects. KDKA-TV News is broadcast Monday through Friday at 4:30AM, 5:00AM, 6:00AM, 12:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:00PM, 6:00PM, 7:30PM and 11:00PM. KDKA-TV News is broadcast Saturdays at 5:00AM, 6:00AM, 7:00AM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM, and 11:00PM. KDKA-TV News is broadcast Sundays at 6:30AM, 7:00AM, 8:00AM, 6:30PM, and 11:00PM.

Health & Medical

Every day between July 1 – September 30, 2020, KDKA and WPCW aired daily data on Covid-19 as it related to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and locally for Allegheny & surrounding counties. Every Wednesday, we carried the Allegheny County Health Department briefing live in our 4pm news to get the latest on initiatives, re-openings and plans around Covid-19.

7/1/20 - The pandemic changed the way we grieve. We're no longer able to get to the funeral home, go to the gravesite or be at the bedside of loved ones as they pass. We talked with medical experts about how grieving during a pandemic could bring coping issues down the road & how to address them.

7/1/20 - Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine expanded the mask-wearing order, requiring masks to be worn whenever anyone leaves home. The order took effect immediately statewide.

7/1/20 - We carried a portion of the weekly Allegheny County briefing in our 4pm newscast in which county leaders discussed the recent spike in Covid-19 case numbers, the demographics and travel data behind them.

7/2/20 - A new order to slow the spread of Coronavirus was announced to go into effect at midnight in Allegheny County. The plan was to close bars, restaurants and casinos for a week. 233 new cases of Covid-19 were reported today, more than doubling the cases.

7/2/20 - We looked into a new way of “batch” testing for Coronavirus and how it’s being used in some communities to stamp out hot spots. It casts a wide net, sampling groups of 3-50 people. It might be used as communities head back to work and back to school.

7/5/20 - As the cases of Covid-19 keep going up in Allegheny County, we revisited social distancing and an environmental study out of Wuhan about 6ft vs 13ft to stop the spread.

7/7/20 - Covid-19 cases are up in Allegheny County, but not deaths. Why is this? Medical correspondent Dr. Maria Simbra looks into death rate trend, why we shouldn’t be lulled, and why robust treatment protocols may help keep the numbers down.

7/8/20 - Five brands of hand sanitizer are hazardous to your health. The FDA released a list of five hand sanitizers to avoid. They contain methanol, which can lead to nausea, vomiting, headache, blindness, seizures, coma, or death.

7/8/20 - In the midst of Covid-19, there are patients who are struggling with organ donation and how it can be done in a global pandemic. We profiled a patient who was in dire need of a liver transplant, and why it became exponentially harder for him to find one. 24 hours later, after our reporting, he found a match!

7/9/20 - Are air conditioners spreading coronavirus? Dr. Maria Simbra examines why the heat across the sun belt could be driving people indoors, where air conditioners are on full blast. The hotter it is outside, the more the AC units recirculate indoor air. Also, the fan inside the AC can blow around the smallest viral particles, which stay suspended in the air longer.

7/9/20 - Nursing homes were the most common places where the largest numbers of Covid-19 exposure became known. New data was released about statewide figures, and the numbers bore out that it was much worse than was originally thought.

7/10/20 - As demand for Covid-19 tests goes up, wait times are increasing too as labs get overwhelmed. This has been a problem in current hot spots but could be an issue here in Pittsburgh as cases increase.

7/20/20 - UPMC is at the forefront of research in Covid-19 vaccine efforts, and the university had another step in the process to announce. We reported on the latest breakthrough and how much more work is needed before the goal of a vaccine is reached.

7/22/20 - The PWSA announced new and additional lead mitigation efforts in the sewer lines and water lines around Pittsburgh. New reports indicate the city is making a significant reduction in this issue.

7/23/20 - Which masks work the best when it comes to Covid-19? We put four types of masks to the test in a local lab to learn more about which ones protect the user and the people around them.

7/28/20 - In large clinical trials of Covid-19 vaccines, they appear to be “reactogenic.” In other words, as Dr. Maria Simbra explained in her report, they are cause for short-term discomfort with headache, sore arms, fatigue, chills & fever. This is being seen across a number of different vaccines made in different ways and might be a vax side-effect.

7/29/20 - We reported on UPMC’s convalescent plasma study, which will enroll 600 Covid-19 patients at 50 US medical centers who present to the emergency department with mild illness. The goal is to see if convalescent plasma can keep the disease from progressing.

7/30/20 - Dr. Maria Simbra reported on what we know about transmission of Covid-19 in children. They’re less likely to have symptoms and with rare exceptions, less likely to have severe disease.

7/31/20 - When is the best timing for a Covid-19 test? We looked into false negative results and why they’re likely if you take a Covid test too early in the course of an illness. Dr. Maria Simbra explained how people should go about pursuing a test to get the timing right.

8/3/20 - While the numbers are decreasing, it’s still a cautionary tale about where we are in the Covid-19 battle. We’ve been here before, and as Andy Sheehan dives into the numbers, he looks at how we shouldn’t be lulled with lower positivity rates.

8/4/20 - Even with personal protective equipment, a new study in The Lancet medical journal found health care workers are three times more likely to contract the coronavirus.

8/5/20 - With flu season fast-approaching this fall, how will flu shots be managed while we’re still in the Covid-19 pandemic? We look at how medical facilities and doctors are planning for shot clinics, and how the flu vaccine will work.

8/5/20 - There are disparities in how long it takes you to get results from your Covid-19 test. We looked into several clinics and labs and why it can sometimes take hours vs days to receive test results and why.

8/5/20 - As the coronavirus pandemic spreads from big cities to rural areas, will hospitals in these communities be ready for a surge? Dr. Maria Simbra looked into this issue outside of the Pittsburgh metro area.

8/6/20 - Could there be an undercount of kids with coronavirus? Children are less likely to show symptoms, so they're less likely to be tested. Dr. Maria Simbra reports that the true rate among children could be higher than we know.

8/7/20 - For children and college students with underlying medical/health conditions, the return to school will present additional challenges for them with Covid-19. We looked at how schools and colleges are trying to factor this into their back-to-school planning.

8/7/20 - Virtual doctor visits have become the new norm for some people who want to avoid a trip to the doctor's office. But in the new age of telemedicine, some people are being left behind.

8/10/20 - We all know the issues surrounding COVID-19 tests and the time it takes to get results, but what happens to people after that first positive or negative test result? KDKA's Meghan Schiller looked into this for our viewers.

8/12/20 - Several otherwise healthy college athletes with COVID-19 have myocarditis – inflammation of the heart. This condition can happen 1 to 5% of the time with other viral illnesses, but up to 60% with the novel coronavirus, with or without symptoms.

8/14/20 - A local doctor voiced his concerns to Dr. Maria Simbra about children contracting other illnesses besides Coronavirus upon their return to school. He worries fewer children have had doctor's visits since the pandemic started and may not be up to date on their vaccines.

8/17/20 - School nurses are struggling to get PPE as they head into the new school year. Some of the personal protective equipment is hard to come by as schools prepare to open in the coming weeks. Gowns and gloves are the toughest items to find.

8/18/20 - There's a new app that could be available next month. It's called Covid-19 Alert PA. The health secretary announced how it will work and how it will help when it comes to tracing the spread of Coronavirus.

8/18/20 - Misinformation about coronavirus is an issue when patients bring it to the doctor's office. The motive is not to disagree, but to find comfort — but it can cause friction.

8/21/20 - Because of lockdowns, childhood immunizations have dropped off as parents have been afraid to bring their kids to the doctor's office for check-ups. It's a trend happening across the country, and right here in Pittsburgh.

8/24/20 - From the water fountains to the lunch line to the bathroom sinks, school districts are now scrambling to test the water. Legionella is creeping into the pipes because many buildings have been unoccupied for too long.

8/26/20 - Recent studies have shown when patients survive Coronavirus, the disease can have long-lasting effects. It can take months for patients to recover. We talked with a local Covid-19 survivor about her recovery and fight to get back to normal.

9/1/20 - Data compiled by the American Academy of Pediatrics from May 21 to August 20 show that cases, hospitalizations, and deaths from coronavirus have increased at a faster rate for children and teenagers than for the general public. Dr. Maria Simbra reports on why the numbers have doubled.

9/2/20 - The government has invested more than \$10 billion in eight different vaccines in development, pre-purchasing millions of doses to be ready in October in hopes one of them pans out. Dr. Maria Simbra looks into the pros and cons of the highly competitive race to find a vaccine.

9/3/20 - UPMC leaders will provide updates on the health system's clinical data and experience with COVID-19 — showing what has changed over time and how findings continue to inform COVID-19 care. They also will discuss UPMC's ongoing adaptive clinical trials and the impact they have had on the approach to patient treatment.

9/4/20 - As the world continues to live with the threat of Covid-19, there are thousands of researchers working on a solution. And thousands of people who've rolled up their sleeves to take a chance & help test the vaccines. Would you? John Shumway spoke with one of those volunteers.

9/4/20 - When initial vaccines are approved, supplies will be tight. People may need more than one dose. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has crafted a priority setting framework. Dr. Maria Simbra looked at the prioritization of who gets vaccinated.

9/8/20 - What happens to people who get flu and Coronavirus at the same tie? Only a handful of cases have been documented, but it's a timely question with flu season approaching. Dr. Maria talks with the experts about why both can affect the respiratory system.

9/9/20 - The AstraZeneca vaccine trial was put on hold after an adverse event with one of the people involved in the trial. Dr. Maria looks at the setback and the challenge for scientists who are trying to find a Covid-19 vaccine.

9/10/20 - People who had been hospitalized for COVID-19 still had shortness of breath and coughing after 12 weeks, and 56% had evidence of lung damage on CT scans. Dr. Maria talked with experts about the lasting effects on the lungs and heart.

9/11/20 - Vitalant, has been checking antibodies against the Novel Coronavirus in all donated blood this summer. What did the provider find? The antibody rates are rising, which is good news for its research.

9/15/20 - Leaders from UPMC and the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Medicine shared a scientific breakthrough that is a major step toward a potential drug to treat and prevent

Covid-19. It's called AB8. And while it's not a vaccine, scientists think it's the next best thing in the sense that it provides a neutralizing antibody.

9/16/20 - What happens if your donated blood is positive by antibody testing? In a follow-up to the AB8 news, we went back to Vitalant, which has procedures in place for determining this. It's a two-step method that went into effect last month, so we went to the lab to check it out.

9/17/20 - The CDC has sent a playbook for how to distribute free vaccine to all Americans when one is proven to be safe and effective. So far, there is not one. The CDC director said health care workers, first responders, and others at high risk would be first to get it, perhaps in January, and that it most likely wouldn't be widely available before next spring or summer, pending FDA approval.

9/18/20 - Efforts to decrease the spread of Coronavirus have led to a global decline in influenza. Dr. Maria Simbra reports on the percentage of specimens testing positive for flu dropped at the end of last year's flu season in the US.

9/21/20 - There is another Coronavirus outbreak at a nursing home. This time in Westmoreland County. Despite being locked down with constant, mandated testing, owners of this home say the workers who come & go are creating the problem.

9/21/20 - Finding yourself wasting too many hours online? Social media has become our favorite pandemic pastime. But mental health experts tell our Royce Jones this can be damaging for your mental well-being, especially when consuming so much negative news.

9/22/20 - The CDC released its Halloween guidelines. It's the biggest conundrum facing parents and trick or treat planners. The CDC advises caution and provides guidance on ways to do the fun stuff safely.

9/23/20 - A vaccine rollout is one step closer and could happen by the end of the year. Dr. Maria Simbra reports on how the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices has met and put forth its plan on how this is going to work.

9/24/20 - As a practice run for an eventual Coronavirus vaccine, UPMC has launched Operation One Shot with the goal of immunizing as many of its employees as possible against the flu. Dr. Maria explained how it would work at each facility.

9/24/20 - Light of Life Rescue Mission confirms 11 residents and one staff member have tested positive for COVID-19. The infected have been removed and are being quarantined in a hotel in an undisclosed location. Currently, 50 residents and staff remain in the Northside mission, which is not accepting new residents.

9/25/20 - Women's mental health has suffered during the pandemic. Women are three times as likely as men (27% vs. 10%) to report mental health issues such as anxiety, loss of appetite, inability to sleep and trouble completing everyday tasks. Dr. Maria talked with mental health experts about the rise in numbers and why they're concerning.

9/28/20 - More than 3-million Americans and almost 25-percent of Pennsylvanians have Osteoarthritis, a debilitating joint disease. Currently, there is no cure, but as our Royce Jones explored, some local researchers are now using Artificial Intelligence, or AI, to identify the disease much sooner, hoping to lead to a cure.

Government & Politics

7/1/20 - The Wolf Administration talked extensively in a press briefing about how the state is working closely with Allegheny County with the holiday weekend approaching. Governor Wolf talked about how bars were the big concern and closing them will help reduce community spread.

7/2/20 - With the November election just four months away, how important is this region politically? Strategists talked with us about the June 2nd primary results and it looks like SW PA has more of a stake in the big races, pulling away some of Philadelphia's once dominant impact.

7/6/20 - With the resignation of House Speaker Mike Turzai last month, the state House of Representatives has elected a new Speaker. And unlike Turzai, he doesn't come from SW PA. At age 45, PA Rep. Bryan Cutler is among the youngest to be elected Speaker, and he's from Lancaster.

7/7/20 - "Pandemic pot" is growing in Pennsylvania, and so is the state's deficit. Our state is now \$3.2 billion in the red. That's why Lt. Governor John Fetterman says he wants to tap in a cash crop and renew the push to legalize recreational marijuana.

7/7/20 - The Small Business Administration reports that a car dealership owned by U.S. Representative Mike Kelly, a Butler Republican, received hundreds of thousands of dollars in pandemic relief. That brought a strong denunciation from Kelly's Democratic opponent, Kristy Gnibus.

7/8/20 - The United States Supreme Court ruled 7-2 that the Trump Administration may carve out broad exceptions when it comes to employee health insurance for contraceptives.

7/9/20 - We covered the political highlights of the Commonwealth and the country as Stacy Smith went Around the Table with his political analysts. After the July 4th holiday, things began picking up with polling, and debate about Joe Biden's running mate.

7/13/20 - Investigator Andy Sheehan broke news about an outbreak of Covid-19 at the Allegheny Courthouse and how court proceedings would immediately change, as a result. Already backlogged, this was a major setback for court proceedings in one of the busiest courtrooms in the state.

7/13/20 - Over the weekend, US Senator Pat Toomey, a PA Republican, called President Trump's commutation of Roger Stone's sentence a "mistake." That led the President to tweet that Toomey wasn't really a Republican. Political Editor talked to Toomey about it.

7/15/20 - A new Monmouth poll is out on how Pennsylvania voters are feeling, heading into the General Election. Jon Delano broke down the numbers and talked to analysts about what they mean.

7/16/20 - Stacy Smith went Around The Table with his crew of political analysts to break down the recent polling data out on the Presidential election and how Covid –19 and the Black Lives Matter movement will play a role.

7/17/20 - When former statehouse speaker Mike Turzai resigned from the state House of Representatives last month, he left behind an open seat in the North Hills. Both the Democrats and Republicans think they have a shot at winning the seat, and Jon Delano reported on why.

7/17 Rep. Connor Lamb and his challenger, Republican Sean Parnell talked about the upcoming general election and what each candidate stands for as this race begins to heat up in the 17th District.

7/21/20 - Jon Delano explained how ballots were going to be different this year with the expansion of mail-in voting. But how do you know your vote is safe and will be counted? He looked at protection measure in place to prevent voter fraud.

7/22/20 - We talked with former Governor and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on the latest DHS tactics, where federal agents are coming into protest markets that have become extremely violent.

7/23/20 - Housing Secretary Ben Carson is coming to Pittsburgh for a political event and we talked with him one-on-one about BLM, housing for lower income Black communities, and his current political agenda.

7/23/20 - Several counties collaborated in a lawsuit challenging Gov. Wolf's closures and restrictions involving restaurants and local businesses. We explained what the lawsuit was about and the political implications for the Governor.

7/27/20 - We're 99 days away from the election and Political Editor Jon Delano explored the key races outside of the Presidential race and what that means for SW PA.

7/28/20 - Will the election be safe and secure? Jon Delano talked with Allegheny County about what ballot applications are supposed to look like, and why they should not be confused with actual ballots.

7/28/20 - Dr. Jill Biden paid a "virtual visit" to Pittsburgh schools and talked about how she would continue educating, even if her husband is elected.

7/30/20 - Rep. Guy Reschenthaler was recently exposed to Covid-19 and talked with Jon Delano about his recovery, how he worked from home, and what it was like to be a politician who was exposed because he was with constituents.

7/30/20 - Vice President Mike Pence visited Westmoreland County as it becomes clearer every day how much Pennsylvania is a swing state. We followed him for meet-and-greets with churches, businesses, and local leaders.

8/4/20 - We went one-on-one with Sen. Bob Casey about the mounting issues in Pennsylvania with unemployment claims and assistance needs. Every day, we field a dozen calls and emails from constituents who can't get through for PUC, and we're five months into the pandemic.

8/5/20 - Is your vote really secure if you mail in your ballot? Royce Jones talked with Lt. Governor John Fetterman about ballot concerns. He emphasized mail-in ballots are a bipartisan initiative.

8/6/20 - As clinical trials for a coronavirus vaccine are underway, one local elected official is stepping up to the plate. Larry Maggi has served Washington County as a commissioner for nearly 20 years. Now he's taking a risk and reaching out to help beyond the state's border by volunteering for a vaccine trial.

8/10/20 - Political Editor Jon Delan talked with Laura Trump as GOP surrogates are canvassing the state, trying to win the President's re-election. Jon also talked with democrats trying to push their efforts.

8/11/20 - A Lawrence County farmer has been invited to speak at the Democratic National Convention next week. Rick Telesz says he voted for Donald Trump four years ago, but this year he's backing Joe Biden.

8/12/20 - The Democratic National Convention begins next Monday in Milwaukee with a couple of hundred delegates from Pennsylvania. But it's going to look very different this time with everything going "virtual."

8/13/20 - Stacy Smith went Around the Table with his team of political analysts to talk about the up-coming Democratic National Convention and how it will set the stage for what will be two weeks of back-and-forth between both parties.

8/13/20 - Monday is the start of the Democratic National Convention that will officially nominate Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Over 200 Pennsylvania delegates will attend virtually from their homes. It turns out, the oldest and one of the youngest delegates come from this region.

8/14/20 - The U.S. Postal Service is warning Pennsylvania that some of its mail-in ballots may be mailed too late for the Post Office to deliver them in time to be counted. That has led state officials to ask the state Supreme Court for more time to receive and count late ballots.

8/17/20 - The DNC opens tonight, and the Pittsburgh area will be well represented. Jon Delano talks with 17th District Congressman Connor Lamb about his speech at the DNC to kick off the week.

8/18/20 - On this second night of the DNC, political editor Jon Delano profiled some of the PA delegates who are on the "virtual" floor, preparing to nominate Joe Biden as the party challenger to President Trump.

8/20/20 - The final night of the DNC is here, and a local drive-in movie theater hosted a viewing party to watch VP Joe Biden accept the nomination to run on the Democratic ticket for president.

8/20/20 - President Trump visited Pennsylvania on the same night as the DNC. He visited Scranton, PA, where Biden was born. It reinforces how important PA is to both candidates.

8/21/20 - The Presidential Race is not the only big race on the ballot this fall. Jon Delano looked at how Pennsylvania will be electing three statewide leaders, including Attorney General. He talked with both candidates, as this race is heating up.

8/24/20 - This week, it's the Republicans' turn. Their presidential convention began in Charlotte, NC and Jon Delano talked with Pennsylvania delegates who are participating in their own unique ways.

8/25/20 - The Republicans' first day of the convention featured the re-nomination of Donald Trump & Mike Pence. Jon Delano talked with Donald Trump, Jr. About the campaign themes we'll hear about the next two months.

8/26/20 - It's the third night of the Republican Convention and like the Democrats, of the Republican Delegates from Pennsylvania are stuck here at home watching their convention virtually. But that hasn't dampened their enthusiasm.

8/27/20 - On this last day of the RNC, President Trump will accept the party's nomination from the White House before a live audience on the grounds. Jon Delano looks at the super bowl of politics in the middle of a pandemic.

8/30/20 - Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden was in Pittsburgh this afternoon to argue that voters would be safer under a Biden presidency than under Donald Trump. He went one-on-one with Jon Delano about the issues.

9/1/20 - A number of legislative bills were drafted to extend or expand upon the state's eviction and foreclosure moratorium, which ended on Monday. So far, none of them have passed, and the Governor called on legislators to get them passed.

9/1/20 - Eric Trump, the President's second son, has strong words about his father's Democratic opponent, Joe Biden. In an exclusive interview with political editor Jon Delano, Trump called Biden a career politician with views out of step for Pennsylvania.

9/2/20 - Jon Delano reported on a coalition of labor, voting rights, and social justice groups called on Allegheny County election officials to maximize voter participation in November. Led by a group called "All Voting is Local," the organizations said the county needs an Emergency Election Plan.

9/3/20 - Governor Wolf is calling on the GA to legalize adult-use cannabis to patch many economic problems in the state. But not everyone is on board with the plan, including addiction centers.

9/3/20 - President Trump addressed hundreds of his supporters at a Rally in Latrobe. It's his first of two planned visits to Western Pennsylvania. He touched on many issues: The pandemic, the economy and mail-in voting.

9/3/20 - Westmoreland County Commissioners have unanimously approved using a Cleveland-based mail house to send absentee ballots to county residents. County leaders say they don't have the staff to handle the anticipated volume of ballots.

9/7/20 - Labor Day is the traditional kick-off of the campaign season. But everything is different this year. The old rule about Labor Day kicking off the political season is out! With early mail-in voting, candidates have an incentive to start long before Labor Day.

9/10/20 - Vice President Mike Pence made the rounds today in Pittsburgh, with a final stop in Beaver County at an oil and natural gas company. The event drew crowds from all over as he works towards re-election.

9/10/20 - Hardly a day goes by without some new political poll telling us who is in the lead in Pennsylvania for President. But can we trust these polls to be accurate? In 2016, political polls in many states, including Pennsylvania were wrong. That's led to a healthy skepticism about polling. We talk with experts about where the trust lies in the numbers.

9/11/20 - On this 9/11 both President Trump and democratic challenger VP Biden both visited the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. They met with victims' families, and put the campaigning on hold to honor a somber period in our history.

9/21/20 - Lawmakers are assembling a plan after the Governor signed a veto that was to stipulate an increase of fans in high school football stadiums. Members of the statehouse met to formulate a plan to give more power to the schools.

9/21/20 - Former Presidential candidate Mayor Pete Buttigieg from Indiana is endorsing several candidates in Pennsylvania. He tells KDKA Political Editor Jon Delano that while his new PAC is small, he wants to help lesser-known candidates running for offices that don't get much attention.

9/22/20 - With 42 days before the election, we saw another visit from President Trump. He addressed a large crowd of supporters at Pittsburgh International as he continues to make Pennsylvania a priority on his campaign trail.

9/22/20 - Both President Trump and former Vice President Biden have been crisscrossing Pennsylvania non-stop, and it's not likely to let up. The state's electoral votes are key to who wins the presidency and both candidates know it. We look at the Electoral College and how this state could decide the winner.

9/23/20 - The votes are in and the governor's veto stands for House bill 2787. In a session this afternoon, the House of Representatives missed the majority vote by five. Lawmakers say it's disappointing, but not shocking.

9/24/20 - Allegheny County has decided to get rid of its Coronavirus restriction in favor of the state's guidelines. It now means there are no restrictions *specific* to the county, which means gathering limits will go back up, and restaurants can stay open later.

9/24/20 - President Trump continues to question the validity of mail-in ballots, suggesting that he might not give up his office if Vice President Biden wins. That brought swift response from both sides of the aisle in Pennsylvania.

9/25/20 - Allegheny County has sent 70,000 ballots out in the mail and says it already has another 316,000 ballot applications to process. That number is likely to grow in the weeks ahead. Political editor Jon Delano takes a closer look at the Do's and Don'ts of voting by mail.

Education

7/1/20 - Students, faculty and staff of the 12 schools in the Greensburg Catholic Diocese got a shot in the arm with the anonymous donation of \$2.4 million. The money will go towards scholarship opportunities in this Catholic education district in Westmoreland County.

7/1/20 - Sports and extracurricular activities are back on for the North Hills School District, following school board action the night before. The plan includes a social distancing protocol along with health precautions for athletes, coaches and students.

7/8/20 - We reported on how local schools will operate when they re-open in the fall. Will teachers have to teach both in-person and online? We explore parent surveys and what districts are trying to do amidst uncertainty.

7/9/20 - With Back to School looming for many districts, we started looking into how several districts were planning for school to resume – some of them in a matter of weeks.

7/16/20 - Guidance was released on back to school plans for the Commonwealth of PA on how districts should proceed with fall plans. Strong encouragement was stressed on starting with remote and virtual learning for districts in “hot zones.”

7/20/20 - We went one-on-one with the state’s Secretary of Education to talk about re-opening schools in the fall and what that would look like. Many districts are struggling with plans and want answers from the state on how to proceed.

7/21/20 - One of the ideas many districts are grappling with is how to do hybrid learning amidst technology challenges, student engagement, and Covid-19 anxiety. Nicole Ford talked with several districts about how they’re implementing their plans in the fall.

7/27/20 - We profiled a local district that created a petition to expand awareness about concerns with virtual learning, proper technologies to support remote learning, and how their districts needed to step up with a plan to ensure their safety.

7/30/20 - School begins in a few weeks for local districts and superintendents are now demanding guidance in how they’re supposed to begin their school year. Will it be in-person learning? Virtual learning? Hybrid learning? We also pushed the DOE to provide that guidance.

7/31/20 - Pittsburgh Public Schools announced that the district will keep students at home and learning virtually for the first nine weeks of the school year. The problem is, there aren’t enough laptops to go around to students.

8/3/20 - We covered an event where parents and teachers protested at the Pittsburgh Public Schools building over its re-opening plans. This, in the midst of several other districts making decisions on this day about how they are going to re-open schools in SW PA.

8/3/20 - Back to School will be challenging for parents with special needs. Whether it's in-school learning or done remotely, routines will change dramatically for students who require routine in everything. We look at the implications Covid-19 is having on this group, what it means for IEPs, and for parents trying to manage it all.

8/4/20 - Pittsburgh Public Schools sent out a district-wide survey to parents about childcare issues and the impact it would have in determining in-school, remote or hybrid learning. 20,000 children will be impacted with whatever the district decides to do.

8/7/20 - Several superintendents agreed to talk with KDKA about the need for more direction from the state's health department about fall sports and how to protect athletes, staff and spectators. They claim the state is dragging its feet in getting them guidelines.

8/10/20 - The State Department of Education finally came out with guidelines for school districts and their back-to-school plans. Many in education communities say the information came too late, and many districts have had to revise their plans on the fly, just days before school was to start.

8/10/20 - Sala Udine, a Pittsburgh Public Schools Board Member, penned a critical letter to Superintendent Anthony Hamlet. The letter was sent out on the eve of the board's vote to determine if they'll renew Hamlet's contract.

8/17/20 - Pandemic pods are becoming a new trend in neighborhoods and communities across the region. They are alternatives to educating children in traditional classrooms, so parents can do their best to avoid Coronavirus.

8/18/20 - For Kindergarteners, it will be a year of challenges with the first full-time school efforts ahead, and in the middle of a pandemic. Masks, and teachers learning to adapt to a new way of teaching were featured in this special report.

8/19/20 - Bar applicants in Pennsylvania have joined a movement calling on high courts across the country to approve their licenses to practice law without passing the bar exam. The 2020 Pennsylvania bar exam was scheduled to be administered in July. After being postponed twice because of the pandemic, the exam is now happening online in October.

8/24/20 - The uncertainty continues for high school students as many are starting to navigate the college admissions process. Canceled standardized tests have parents scrambling and universities changing the application requirements.

8/26/20 - Just this week, the Beaver Area School District changed its back to school plans. Again. Starting Monday, only students in K-8 will return to in-person classes, while the high school will be fully remote. A lack of teachers led to the switch.

8/29/20 - The Pittsburgh Public School district decided to delay the start of school. They are short on computers to give to students for online learning due to delays and shortages in the supply chain.

8/31/20 - One week after students returned, Peters Township High School is closing for four days. According to the district, one person within the school tested positive for Coronavirus, two others are presumed positive. We talked with parents about the quick switch from in-school to remote learning.

9/2/20 - We talked with a local athlete who says the return to fall sports isn't worth it. He's one of the state's best high school football players, and Elliott Donald says it's time to put health & education before sports in the midst of Covid-19.

9/2/20 - Back to school plans are finalized for many kids and college students. But another demographic of learners is still figuring things out. KDKA's Royce Jones looked into how the pandemic has caused issues for adults looking to further their education.

9/4/20 - It's the last weekend for summer for students across the region as the majority of school districts return on Tuesday. But will there be enough teachers to staff the classrooms? It's a question that lawmakers hope to address this session, and our Nicole Ford looked into the teacher shortage.

9/7/20 - Dozens of districts are heading back to school tomorrow...but no two will look the same this year. So how are students preparing for in person or online classes? Nicole Ford reported the stores were packed today as parents and students picked up some last-minute supplies – including masks and hand sanitizer.

9/17/20 - Most school districts in our area are already a month into the new school year. Now, many are looking to make a change when it comes to how the kids are learning. We went to Ross Township to look at some changes that three school districts could see in the coming weeks.

9/22/20 - We tackled the issue of trust... trusting that your child's school is being transparent & telling you what you need to know about Covid-19 cases in your child's school. We talked with experts about what districts can say and how far they, and should they – go.

Diversity

Throughout the quarter, we made a commitment to cover Civil Saturday marches every Saturday throughout the city of Pittsburgh. Several organizations came together to host them and mark social injustice in the Black Lives Matter movement.

7/3/20 - Tensions ran high at a small protest in the Uptown neighborhood in Pittsburgh. The intent for the protest was to peacefully celebrate and honor the Black LGBTQIA Community. 45 minutes in, police declared an unlawful assembly & took to the streets in riot gear.

7/4/20 - Hundreds protested for several hours in Downtown Pittsburgh on this 4th of July. This was one of the larger protests we've seen in the past couple of weeks and lasted well over four hours. There were some tense moments when officers showed up in riot gear at the end.

7/5/20 - West Mifflin Police began working the missing person's case of a transgender woman who was from the area, but also had connections in San Francisco and Florida. Her last phone usage "pinged" here in Pittsburgh, and the family is desperate to find her.

7/9/20 - We talked with local organizations that help in the African American community about how the extension of eviction relief will help them for now. But many are worried about what this means for the long-term impact on rent and low-income housing.

7/11/20 - We covered the historic Fairview Park and news that all of its 75th anniversary events will be canceled due to Covid-19. This is the only African American park east of the Mississippi.

7/11/20 - We covered Bishop Zubik, who celebrated mass at St. Benedict the Moor church. He recently announced the needs of Black Catholics will be met at this parish.

7/14/20 - The Christopher Columbus statue in Schenley Park was vandalized overnight. A symbol of what many see as a tribute to slavery sparked debate on its possible removal from the park.

7/15/20 - Danielle Brown, the mother of a Duquesne football player, who died, has taken to a hunger strike, demanding answers in her son's death. The young man's death was ruled a suicide; however, Ms. Brown contends he was killed and that police didn't investigate as thoroughly because of her son's race.

7/18/20 - We talked with Rep. Mike Kelly on the death of Rep. John Lewis and the lasting impact Lewis left on the country and our community – and how his legacy will live on in race relations.

7/22/20 - Governor Wolf made public statements about hate speech and groups targeting transgender people. There have been targeted remarks, aimed at Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine, who is transgender.

7/24/20 - With the BLM movement comes more awareness about Black-owned businesses. We profiled several of them and how they're seeing an up-tick in business.

7/26/20 - The Black Lives Matter movement has been growing over the last couple of months, but members of the deaf community now want their message to be heard. They're reminding the community and the movement that just because they can't hear, doesn't mean they don't matter.

8/6/20 - Fox Chapel leaders are examining the impacts of the word "squaw" and its use in borough street and trail names. The issue has been hotly debated, and Paul Martino talked with citizens about it.

8/10/20 - The family of Romir Talley held a press conference, demanding the officer involved in the shooting death of their son be charged. This case has sparked several protests around the push for more social justice.

8/10/20 - There is more financial scrutiny involving the Delta Foundation, an LGBTQ+ organization that puts on the annual Pride week & parade and funds several programs for this community. A recent audit found hundreds of thousands of dollars missing, leaving some wondering if the organization will survive.

8/11/20 - Researchers say Pennsylvania is one of many states that needs to do better when it comes to reporting race and ethnicity for COVID-19 deaths: KDKA's Amy Wadas reports.

8/12/20 - We reported on the stalemate between Danielle Brown and Duquesne University over her son's death. She claims the University has not responded favorably to her demands of an independent investigation, so she's continuing with her hunger strike in protest, while calling for social justice.

8/13/20 - A Gov. Wolf task force set out to investigate health disparities of the pandemic. It noted that on April 20 up to 30 percent of race data was unreported in coronavirus test results. Now Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine says that number is over 60 percent: "But that's not good enough. We have to do even better."

8/18/20 - Social justice marches have begun to crescendo in light of a protestor pulled into an unmarked police van. Those wanting police reform marched to the mayor's house to demand it.

8/31/20 - The death of Black Panther star Chadwick Boseman both surprised and devastated fans over the weekend. We looked at how his death may actually save people in the Black community about checking for a deadly disease: Cancer.

9/7/20 - Footage from a downtown protest over the weekend has social media heating up. Video shows demonstrators and restaurant goers clashing outside. Our Royce Jones talked with both sides who are both questioning what happens next, in a situation that hurts the Black Lives Matter message.

9/12/20 - Freedom Corner, a Civil Rights landmark was damaged overnight. Someone vandalized the monument in the Hill District. It's where Dainelle Brown has been staying during her hunger strike to get answers about the death of her son at Duquesne University in 2018.

9/13/20 - Dozens marched through the Hill District, asking for peace and social justice in their communities. Many who marched were Black mothers who lost their children to gun violence. They're asking for peace.

9/23/20 - Following the KY Grand Jury's decision on Breonna Taylor, many gathered in several key locations in Pittsburgh to protest the decision of not charging the police officers in the killing.

Military

7/9/20 - We covered a local vigil to honor a soldier who was killed in Fort Hood, Texas. Local military and those in the Hispanic community paused to honor the life lost.

7/14/20 - A horrific case involving a VA nurse in West Virginia involved a Westmoreland County military family. Their loved one was killed by a nurse, who pleaded guilty to killing several veterans intravenously while they were convalescing at the VA hospital.

7/20/20 - Several veterans are biking across America to raise awareness and money for Veterans non-profit organizations. We caught up with them at Heinz field to talk with them about their journey and assistance for Vets.

7/25/20 - We covered the 100th birthday celebration of WWII vet, Herman Skerlong. He celebrated his birthday in Bethel Park with a vehicle parade and a soldier salute.

7/30/20 - The remains of a local Korean War veteran who was killed in action were returned home. The family, from West Virginia gathered at the Pittsburgh airport for the homecoming.

8/2/20 - We covered a Local Vets for Black Lives Matter rally at the federal building in Allegheny County. We interviewed the organizer who wanted to extend a message of support from veterans.

8/14/20 - The discovery of cannonballs in Lawrenceville created quite a scene at a construction site. We talked with the excavator who found them and how they're actually somewhat common – and popular – finds at construction sites.

8/15/20 - In Export on Saturday, the community broke ground on a new memorial to honor all veterans in the area. The former memorial was built in 1943 before the end of World War II near the elementary school. That memorial was torn down when the school was sold. Now, the memorial will have a more prominent place in town.

8/25/20 - Allegheny County leads the state in the number of veterans in the region, and now they can rely on a network of support called Bunker Labs. It's a program to help vets find purpose in their communities again.

9/4/20 - President Trump continued to deny reports he called Marines who died and were buried in France during World War I “losers and suckers.” We talked with Congressman Connor Lamb, a former Marine, who talked about how the site in France is hallowed ground for Marines.

9/13/20 - Banners prominently displayed along Centre Avenue in the hill district were put up to recognize veterans and present active duty service members. The man who came up with the initiative noticed there were no Black servicemen recognized, so he set out to change that.

9/18/20 - We profiled the military service of Jeanne Flaherty. She was killed in Oakland when a bus hit her as she crossed the street. Flaherty served overseas in multiple tours and came home to join the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

9/22/20 - Hundreds of American flags were dumped behind a cemetery in Butler County. A man captured the scene and posted the video on Facebook. The Cemetery manager says it was a one-time mistake, and he worked with the VFW to properly dispose of the flags.

Business & Economy

7/1/20 - The wedding industry took another hit with the Allegheny County on-site alcohol consumption ban going into effect, putting existing wedding planners in a bind for upcoming receptions. We looked at the impact on venues and caterers.

7/5/20 - In our weekly Sunday Business Page segment, we talked with the CEO of a local company called Pitt Moss. It's a company that makes “pitt-moss,” an environmentally friendly potting soil from recycled paper products.

7/6/20 - We're now four months into the global pandemic, and we explained two programs that want to help people in SW PA pay their bills. Money is now available through PPP loans for renters and homeowners, but the deadline to file for it is fast-approaching.

7/8/20 - Ross Guidotti profiled a local dairy that gave away much of its milk to support lower income families who are struggling in the pandemic.

7/10/20 - Today was the day many in Allegheny County were waiting for – restaurants could re-open, but with limits on capacity and strong encouragement for outdoor dining. We looked at the impact of this on several restaurants who've been struggling for many months.

7/10/20 - The tax deadline is fast-approaching, and Money Editor Jon Delano looked at the last-minute filing crush, how you can still look for tax savings, and what the outlook is for the next tax season.

7/12/20 - In our weekly Sunday Business Page segment, we talked with the man who came out of retirement to save the Levin's Furniture business: Robert Levin.

7/13/20 - New unemployment figures were out, and while filing for benefits was down, we still found hundreds – possibly thousands – who were still not receiving their benefits, despite filing months ago.

7/17/20 - KDKA confirmed the Rivers Casino was going to start eliminating jobs due to the economic downturn of Covid-19.

7/17/20 - It's been a slow trickle of back to work for employees at the Shell Cracker plant in Beaver County. Covid-19 protocols forced some retooling of the plant to keep its workers safe, after many of them reported exposures and problems with the workplace setup.

7/19/20 - Sunday Business Page host Jon Delano talked with Russ Cersosimo of Hemp Synergistics, a new company in the area producing hemp-based products for the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries.

7/21/20 - Royce Jones looked at the "cost of closing." When a business must close for good, there are additional costs that come with the tough decision to turn the lights off. We look at the additional economic impact many businesses are facing, as Covid-19 forces them to shut down.

7/22/20 - Lt. Governor John Fetterman is pushing for the state legislature to increase the state's minimum wage. We talked one-on-one with him about it.

7/26/20 - Our Sunday Business Page segment focused on Bob Archibald, the CEO of Aliro, which is a cloud-based talent acquisition software company. In a time where people are looking for work, this company can help connect talent to job openings.

8/2/20 - In our Sunday Business Page segment, we talked with Jacob Hanchar, co-owner of Klavon's Ice Cream and the founder of Digital DreamLabs, a way for him to give back to his community.

8/3/20 - The Mayor of Pittsburgh is faced with a rough economy ahead, and in the middle of declining funds, he also has promised to look for funding to help with police reform initiatives with public safety. It will mean budget cuts down the road.

8/3/20 - It's the time of month when many bills and rent/mortgages were due, and people are staring at mounting debt. Some have turned to placing expenses on credit cards, creating mounting debt and concerns with credit card companies.

8/4/20 - People are always looking for ways to cut back on spending, especially now during the Covid-19 pandemic. But what if there was a way you could get the things you need without spending any money? Royce Jones profiled the "Buy Nothing Project," where people are still getting what they need without paying a penny.

8/5/20 - Hundreds of thousands of dollars in the amusement tax revenue coffers continue to be drained during the coronavirus pandemic. What are city leaders in Pittsburgh doing about entertaining people this fall to build up that line item again?

8/7/20 - City leaders and planners are kicking around new uses for movie theaters and alternate ways to use the open spaces. Since they're closed indefinitely, some are reinventing themselves as new spaces for new business ventures.

8/9/20 - In our Sunday Business Page segment, Jon Delano spoke with Eric Booth, who's the president of Desmone Architects about what the Well Standard is and what it means for architects.

8/10/20 - We looked at what reporting Covid-19 cases in the workforce looks like in several businesses. Come to find out, it's more than just taking a test!

8/14/20 - As more people work from home due to Covid-19, the electricity bills are going up, especially as the ACs stay on non-stop with the heat. We look at cost-cutting ways to work from home and keep the AC steady without breaking the bank.

8/14/20 - Restaurants are having to get creative with their menus. To help stop the spread of Coronavirus they're deploying QR codes where you can download their menus to your smartphone.

8/16/20 - Jon Delano talked with Dr. Apryle Horbal, the CEO of VetNow, which is an online telemedicine for people and their pets. They cover everything from domestic animals to farm animals.

8/23/20 - Jon Delano sat down with the CEO of Aliro, Bob Archibald, to learn more about what the Oakmont native is doing at the company to keep jobs and local business going.

8/30/20 - Jon Delano spoke with Joe Reinhart, the chair of the Energy and National Resources group of Babst Calland about the state of the oil and gas industry.

9/4/20 - COVID-19 has hit businesses hard, but of all of the business districts in our region, downtown Pittsburgh has been hit the hardest. Some hotels and restaurants have yet to reopen and downtown office towers have emptied out, leading some to question whether downtown will ever come back.

9/6/20 - KDKA's Jon Delano spoke with Sean Sullivan, the general manager of Live! Casino Pittsburgh casino, about the opening of a new location in Westmoreland County. They talked about the jobs it will bring to the area in his weekly Sunday Business Page report.

9/8/20 - New restaurant guidelines were put into place, but many are asking if those changes are enough. Nicole Ford went to the North Shore to talk with restaurant owners who gave a resounding “no” to that question.

9/9/20 - Many Pennsylvanians who became unemployed during the pandemic, received their unemployment checks from Pennsylvania, and an additional \$600 per week from the federal government. But that extra \$600 ended at the end of July. Now they’ll get an additional \$300 from a FEMA program to help.

9/10/20 - Pittsburgh’s Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) approved a new program aimed at temporarily helping local small business owners with rent in lower income neighborhoods. It could provide up to \$2000 in rent relief, but landlords have to be on board.

9/13/20 - KDKA’s Jon Delano talked with Jim Martin, a mortgage broker and lender about homes and refinancing. With the economic situation where it is, rates are low, meaning it’s a good time to buy or refinance.

9/14/20 - What started as a question from two Butler County Commissioners on how they can help their community has turned into a lawsuit spanning 3 months and 66 pages. A federal judge ruled in their favor, stating the Governor’s order to shut the state down was unconstitutional.

9/15/20 - Gov. Wolf responded with strong words after a federal judge ruled his shutdown order was unconstitutional. As his office plans an appeal, business owners are left in a state of confusion about what to do next.

9/20/20 - KDKA’s Jon Delano, in his weekly Sunday Business Page Segment, talked with Michael Kane, CEO of Cellhelmet, which is a local manufacturer of cell phone accessories. They talked about expansion and new jobs coming to the region.

9/21/20 - The US Energy Secretary, Dan Brouillette, was in the region today, inspecting progress at the Shell Cracker plant, now under construction in Beaver County. In an exclusive one-on-one with Money Editor Jon Delano, he said the region is leading the way in ethane cracking technology.

9/23/20 - A new state program to provide health insurance under the Affordable Care Act is about to kick off its enrollment period. As Money Editor Jon Delano reports, the program, called “Pennie,” is an effort to provide more insurance options at lower prices to the uninsured in Pennsylvania.

9/27/20 - During our Sunday Business Page segment, we talked with Rich Lunak at Innovation Works about a partnership with the Allegheny Health Network to provide entrepreneurs with space and access to clinical subject matter.

Crime & Public Safety

7/1/20 - A civil rights lawsuit has been filed against the Pennsylvania State Police over the arrest and murder conviction of 11-year-old Jordan Brown. Brown was convicted of shooting & killing his father’s pregnant fiancé. The state Supreme Court threw out the conviction for insufficient evidence; however, Jordan’s lawyers claim police illegally coerced false testimony.

7/3/20 - A new trend is developing where teenagers and college-aged kids are hosting “coronavirus parties” where they’re betting money on who will be the first to become infected with the virus. We talked with a local doctor and public safety experts about why this is NOT a good idea.

7/8/20 - From a child’s death comes change. Exactly one year ago, 8-year-old Markie Mason was stabbed more than 100 times by a suspect who’d reportedly been released from prison months earlier after also committing crimes while incarcerated. Lawmakers drafted a bill in Markie’s honor to keep violent offenders behind bars when committing crimes in jail.

7/14/20 - Investigator Andy Sheehan broke a story with national implications. It involved the alleged ring of jail inmates collecting unemployment benefits, while incarcerated. Investigators say the crime involved a person on the outside who would create fake identities for inmates to collect thousands of dollars in benefits for which they weren’t eligible.

7/15/20 - Andy Sheehan followed up on his exclusive reporting about inmate fraud against the state’s benefits programs. He talked with the US Attorney about the implications of how widespread the alleged fraud could be.

7/15/20 - Much has been reported on the dangers of the Tik Tok social app and how it can steal your data, and identity. But as Royce Jones explains, it’s not the only app out there, looking to make a quick buck and a fast getaway with your information.

7/17/20 - With Covid-19 well into its clutches, many people are turning to pet adoptions, but buyer beware: Not all adoption places are on the up-and-up. Royce Jones looked into the latest scams involving pets.

7/20/20 - With jail populations increasing because of slowed down courtrooms, we looked into Pittsburgh’s plans for a pre-arrest diversion program to combat the overcrowding issue.

7/24/20 - We tagged along with the newly formed local Covid response team, which was checking businesses and establishments for proper social distancing, PPE, and Covid-19 protocols. Only a handful of places were cited.

7/27/20 - We exposed an alleged crime that was happening in nursing homes, where the homes were collecting stimulus checks as part of payment for monthly fees. Several patients and their families complained, and now the Attorney General is investigating.

8/1/20 - We covered how some neighborhoods are partnering with the Neighborhood Slow Street program. It’s designed to allow activities on the streets during Covid-19 by reducing local traffic to stop people from using these streets as short-cuts.

8/6/20 - The name of the police officer accused of shooting and killing Romir Talley has been released. Now there are questions surrounding when leaders knew, and our Amy Wadas dug into the findings.

8/7/20 - SWAT teams are becoming more and more busy as the pandemic wears on. Specialists say people cooped up in homes are contributing... along with an increase in the mental health sector.

8/11/20 - Several officers in the Elizabeth borough police department were exposed to Covid-19, creating gaps in shifts and putting a pinch on public safety efforts for the department.

8/11/20 - How much force is excessive force? Investigator Andy Sheehan talked with a local protestor who says police were out of line in firing a tear gas canister at him during a protest. He lost his eye and is suing the department.

8/12/20 - The governor's office and various public safety agencies are putting out warnings about a contact tracing scam that is circulating around the region.

8/13/20 - A grand jury investigation has uncovered alleged corruption inside the Fayette County Prison. Investigators are calling the investigation "Operation Clean Sweep," and say contraband, such as synthetic marijuana and Suboxone, were being brought inside the prison.

8/14/20 - Our investigation into the Brighton Rehab and Wellness center continues. To date, every resident inside has tested positive for the virus, and 73 have died. Now, the Attorney General is launching a criminal investigation and is asking families to help him build his case.

8/16/20 - We learned of a protestor who was picked up and placed in an unmarked police van and arrested. It sparked outrage in protest and social justice communities. Many asked if we were becoming the new Portland?

8/17/20 - Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto said he's "livid" about plainclothes police putting a protester in unmarked white van and whisking him away. The mayor told investigator Andy Sheehan he won't tolerate the tactic in the future.

8/17/20 - The Pennsylvania State Police announced the expansion of its Heritage Affairs Section. State police have added five full-time section staffers, which include one commander and four Heritage Affairs Liaison officers. The troopers come from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds and have varying education and work experience, according to police.

8/28/20 - The Pittsburgh Police Department could be in crisis if hundreds of police officers end up retiring this fall. On top of that, there's the issue of recruiting new officers during a global pandemic. We sat down with Chief Scott Schubert to ask how he plans to address the issue.

9/2/20 - An Aliquippa man fears the worst after learning he's drinking water with unsafe levels of lead in it. Turns out he's not alone. The public safety threat of lead in the water is landing in mailboxes across the community with a warning: Replace the lines & don't drink the water.

9/3/20 - Federal agents swiftly executed search warrants at two local nursing homes, seizing countless items from behind closed doors. The facilities are under investigation, purported to be some of the deadliest Covid-19 outbreak spots in the country.

9/9/20 - For many kids and their parents, online learning can be an adjustment. But some in two local school districts are questioning if it's safe after online learning sessions were hacked & infiltrated with racy and explicit content.

9/10/20 - When Eric Trump, Jr. came to town, people who wanted to see him had to sign up for a ticket. At the bottom: A Covid-19 waiver. We looked into the legal fine print and what that means for your health & safety, if you attend a future rally like it.

9/15/20 - As four communities in the Mon Valley consider a regionalized police department, one Borough has decided to wait for public input. North Braddock Council decided to pause before going any further on this issue.

9/16/20 - The number of victims is growing in the case against West Penn Hospital after an employee was charged with using a hidden camera to secretly record employees. It's unclear how many victims there are, but investigators think it could be in the hundreds.

Science & Technology

7/4/20 - In our weekly Hey Ray science report, meteorologist Ray Petelin explained Aphelion and the Earth's proximity to the sun. Even though it's hot, we're in our days when we're farthest away from the sun. He used roasting marshmallows to demonstrate his point.

7/7/20 - A new space race is underway throughout the globe and the renewed interest in space exploration is trickling down to the [Robotic Technology Center](#) at [West Virginia University](#). They're working on a first in-space assembly demonstration of a satellite using a lightweight robotic arm.

7/11/20 - In his Saturday Science segment, Ray Petelin explains why our cars turn into ovens when the temperatures rise. Ray explained how short-wave energy gets trapped in vehicles, and long-wave heat can't escape.

7/18/20 - Brown lawns are almost everywhere and could really use any drop of rain that the atmosphere can muster. There is an old weather saying, "drought breeds drought." What this means is that dry hot weather usually leads to more dry, hot weather. Ray Petelin explains why in "Hey Ray."

7/25/20 - Did you know it is harder for the air to warm up on really humid days? While it still feels hot, the moisture in the air first means there are more "things" to warm up. There is more to it, though and we explain why in our weekly "Hey Ray" science segment.

7/31/20 - With technology at the center of remote learning, what does this mean for rural communities? We looked at the challenges surrounding rural broadband, and why schools in Greene County are struggling with the tech divide.

8/1/20 - In our weekly Saturday science segments called "Hey Ray," meteorologist Ray Petelin explains why when meteorologists give weather forecasts, they use words as a way of describing how precipitation will arrive in the area. Ray explained some of his vocabulary.

8/8/20 - On a hot day, you may have noticed what looks like water in the distance when looking down a road. As you travel down that road, you never reach this deceptive water. Meteorologist Ray Petelin explains what you're witnessing is a mirage.

8/15/20 - KDKA meteorologist Ray Petelin says that sometimes science happens too fast, and you need to slow things down to see the details of how the world works. He used the slow motion on feature on his mobile phone to show you some weird science you would have likely missed in real time.

8/29/20 - Ray Petelin used his Hey Ray segment to explain why sun beams form and why the rays of sunshine are called crepuscular rays.

9/5/20 - People have been trying to predict the weather for a long time. Before we had radars, satellites in space and weather models, the only way to predict the weather was observation. In our weekly Hey Ray segment, Ray Petelin teaches us all how to predict the weather when there are "red skies at night."

9/12/20 - Ray Petelin is back with another science lesson, and this one explains the differences between downbursts and tornadoes. Both can be destructive, but in different ways.

9/19/20 - In science class, when you study the word "Equinox", you usually hear part of the definition with the words "equal night." Ray Petelin explains that from there, you can make the scientific assumption that you will have "equal day" as well.

9/26/20 - A Pessimist would say this glass is half empty, while an optimist would say that same glass is half full. In the science world, though, scientists would say that glass is full! That's because of air molecules and Ray Petelin explains the science behind them in his weekly Hey Ray segment.