

# **Public Radio Stations of Mississippi Public Broadcasting**

*Quarterly Issues and Programs Report  
for the period of January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021*

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*The licensee of the eight-station public radio network,  
the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television,  
has determined that these issues were of importance to the  
citizens of Mississippi during the first quarter of 2021.*

*The following list contains the most significant programming addressing those issues.*

# MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/05/21

Length: 00:01:28

## **Immigrants rights advocates encouraging members of the Hispanic community to get coronavirus vaccine**

Many in Mississippi's Hispanic and immigrant communities are wary of getting the COVID 19 vaccine.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/15/21

Length: 00:01:32

## **LGBTQ advocacy group reacts to Senate, House bills they call discriminatory**

An organization representing the LGBTQ community in Mississippi, is reacting to the passage of bills in the House and Senate they call discriminatory.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/15/21

Length: 00:08:01

## **Henry Louis Gates Jr. On 'The Black Church' Docuseries, Book**

The idea of the Black church is often discussed in the context of politics, and that's really important.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/17/21

Length: 00:01:12

## **Community partnerships could help minority communities get the coronavirus vaccine**

Appointments for coronavirus vaccines in Mississippi are now open for everyone over the age of 16. A new state partnership has been launched to help vaccinate those in underserved communities.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/22/21

Length: 00:04:21

## **Transgender Woman Finds Acceptance Working As A Forest Ranger**

At a time when transgender men and women are becoming far more visible in many professions, one trans woman describes coming out while working as a forest ranger in rural upstate New York.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/05/21

Length: 00:01:23

## **Gov. to sign first bill this year banning transgender athletes from girls' sports**

Mississippi is likely to become the first state this year to enact a law that critics say is designed to discriminate against transgender athletes on sports teams. An advocacy group for the LGBTQ community is upset.

# EDUCATION

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/11/21

Length: 00:02:15

## **Teachers And Parents Express Concern Over Chicago Children's Return To Schools**

With some students in Chicago returning to schools for in-person learning and many more scheduled to start soon, some teachers and parents are balking at the move, fearing it's still not safe.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/27/21

Length: 00:03:41

## **Don't Call It A Comeback: School Districts That Never Opened Are Having Trouble Now**

The idea that opening Chicago's school buildings in February 2021, 11 months after they shut down, constitutes "rushing back" would be news in most of the country.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/19/21

Length: 00:01:39

## **A businesswoman and her son plead not guilty to embezzling over \$2 million from the state**

A Mississippi mother and her son face federal charges for conspiring to embezzle more than \$2 million from the state Department of Education.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 02/04/21

Length: 00:01:36

## **House passes career and technical education reform bill despite threat of veto**

Mississippi lawmakers in the House passed a bill that gives students more technical career training and higher learning options. Members did so despite hearing the measure may be vetoed.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/22/21

Length: 00:03:45

## **Why 1 Utah School District Is Embracing A Virtual Future**

Many pandemic weary families can't wait to get back to in-person school. But a Utah district is expanding its online offerings next year because some students thrive in virtual learning environments.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/12/21

Length: 00:06:51

## **High School STEM Competition Finalists Discuss Their Innovative Projects**

Some really talented high school seniors are facing off in a competition run by the biotech company Regeneron and the Society for Science.

## **ECONOMY**

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 01/11/21

Length: 00:03:30

### **Trump Regulator's Rule Would Force Banks To Lend To Gun-Makers And Oil Drillers**

The Trump administration is trying to push through a last-minute rule that could force banks to offer loans to gun-makers and oil exploration companies or to finance high-cost payday lenders.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/22/21

Length: 00:06:52

### **White House Aims To Include Higher Minimum Wage To Relief Bill**

The House is preparing to take up President Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/11/21

Length: 00:03:59

### **Amazon Is Fighting Hard Against A Unionization Effort In Alabama**

The stakes are high for Amazon as workers at an Alabama warehouse vote on whether to unionize.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/23/21

Length: 00:01:02

### **Survey finds Mississippians support minimum wage increase**

A newly released survey finds the majority of Mississippians are growing in their support for raising the minimum wage; with many leaning towards \$15.00 per hour.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/24/21

Length: 00:01:11

### **House income tax plan in limbo, policy analyst says legislature could still pass bill**

In the final days of the Mississippi legislative session, a House proposal to phase out the state's income tax may not pass the legislature this year. But, a last minute agreement between the House and Senate could happen.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/31/21

Length: 00:01:14

### **Alcohol delivery could soon be available in Mississippi**

Mississippi could soon join dozens of states in allowing for the home delivery of alcohol. The bill could help restaurants and other businesses that rely on alcohol sales.

# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/27/21

Length: 00:01:41

## **Governor Tate Reeves discusses legislative plans for the year**

In his 2021 State of the State Address, Mississippi's governor is laying out his plans for the year. The governor wants to improve the state's economy, education, and promote healthy political discussions.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/29/21

Length: 00:04:27

## **The Real Impact Of Biden's Private Prisons Executive Order**

In his first week in office, President Biden issued a number of executive orders. One of them directs the Department of Justice not to renew its contracts with privately operated prisons.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 01/29/21

Length: 00:01:28

## **Voting rights advocates say Senate bill will suppress votes**

Some voting rights advocates are raising concerns about a bill in the legislature that would purge Mississippians from the voting rolls.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/18/21

Length: 00:01:11

## **Tension between House and Senate leads to killing Medicaid bills**

Tensions are running high in the Mississippi legislature, as both the House and Senate kill bills that control how the state Division of Medicaid is operated.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 03/26/21

Length: 00:03:23

## **Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp Signs Controversial Election Overhaul Into Law**

Georgia's governor has signed an elections overhaul into law. It includes new restrictions but is less restrictive than some original proposals.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/31/21

Length: 00:01:30

## **Criminal justice bill that changes parole eligibility headed to gov.'s desk**

Mississippi lawmakers are looking to the governor to sign legislation that will make more inmates eligible for the possibility of parole.

## **HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE**

Program: All Things Considered  
Air Date: 01/21/21  
Length: 00:03:39

### **Airlines Welcome Biden's New Mask Mandate**

President Biden set a mask mandate for interstate travel on Thursday. Airlines already have their own mask requirements, but enforcement has been spotty.

Program: All Things Considered  
Air Date: 02/11/21  
Length: 00:03:56

### **Despite Blood Supplies Critically Low, Some Gay Men Still Cannot Donate Plasma**

Men who've had COVID-19 and have sex with other men must wait three months before donating potentially life-saving plasma. Many argue the federal policy is driven by stigma rather than science.

Program: Local News Segment  
Air Date: 03/03/21  
Length: 00:01:39

### **Mask mandate in Mississippi expires, but health officials urge caution**

Mississippi's Governor has removed almost all mandates designed to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The Governor says vaccines are the state's path forward.

Program: All Things Considered  
Air Date: 03/12/21  
Length: 00:03:35

### **CDC Advises Against Spring Break Travel Despite Vaccines**

With many eager to travel again — teased in part by vaccines — the CDC is still urging people to stay home.

Program: Local News Segment  
Air Date: 03/22/21  
Length: 00:00:50

### **Mississippi Department of Corrections now vaccinating inmates**

The Mississippi Department of Corrections began vaccinating inmates and correctional staff against COVID-19 last week.

Program: Local News Segment  
Air Date: 03/29/21  
Length: 00:01:35

### **Another coronavirus variant discovered, health officials urge getting vaccinated**

More coronavirus variants are showing up in Mississippi according to health officials. They say getting vaccinated remains the best way to protect against infection.

# **CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

Program: Weekend Edition Saturday

Air Date: 01/23/21

Length: 00:04:18

## **Parents With Disabilities Face Extra Hurdles With Kids' Remote Schooling**

The Americans with Disabilities Act says schools have to help not just students but parents with disabilities, too, like making sure deaf or blind parents can communicate during parent-teacher conferences.

Program: Fresh Air

Air Date: 02/18/21

Length: 00:42:47

## **Almost A Year Into The Pandemic, Working Moms Feel 'Forgotten,' Journalist Says**

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many American families without child care and in-person schooling. Those new household burdens have largely landed on the shoulders of women, says Journalist Claire Cain Miller.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 02/24/21

Length: 00:04:28

## **Millions Of Kids Learn English At School. Teaching Them Remotely Hasn't Been Easy**

Five million children in the U.S. rely on public schools to teach them English, and those kids have been hard hit by online schooling.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 03/09/21

Length: 00:04:58

## **Roblox Goes Public - What's Roblox? Ask Anyone With Kids.**

The online game platform Roblox plans to go public on Wednesday. During the pandemic, it's become a de facto playground, with more than 32.6 million people across 180 countries playing every day.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/10/21

Length: 00:01:43

## **Pediatric coronavirus cases could be "Substantially higher" than reported cases in Mississippi**

More than 10 times as many children in Mississippi may have had the coronavirus than testing shows according to a recent study.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/19/21

Length: 00:01:15

## **Young Mississippians can now get the coronavirus vaccine**

The state recently opened vaccine eligibility to all residents age 16 years and older.

# **ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 01/19/21

Length: 00:03:02

## **The Science Behind How COVID-19 Vaccines Work**

COVID-19 vaccines prevent most people from becoming seriously ill. But they may not prevent infection or one's ability to spread the virus.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/15/21

Length: 00:03:27

## **New Virtual Reality Tool Aims To Reduce Aviation Crashes**

Aviation has a problem that has vexed the industry for decades: when pilots unintentionally fly into clouds, lose control and crash.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 02/19/21

Length: 00:01:29

## **Thousands of Mississippians are still without electricity, could take days to repair**

Thousands of Mississippians are still without electricity as layers of ice and falling limbs have downed power lines across the state.

Program: Weekend Edition Sunday

Air Date: 03/07/21

Length: 00:03:55

## **Scientists Observe First Ever 'Space Hurricane'**

A storm of electrons created the first known "space hurricane" over the North Pole.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/22/21

Length: 00:00:50

## **Mississippi Department of Corrections now vaccinating inmates**

The Mississippi Department of Corrections began vaccinating inmates and correctional staff against COVID-19 last week. Louisiana is already ahead of them and Alabama isn't far behind.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 03/22/21

Length: 00:00:43

## **First case of South African strain of coronavirus identified in Harrison Co.**

Mississippi Health officials say they have identified the first case of the South African strain of coronavirus in the state.