

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

Quarterly Issues and Programs Report  
for the period of July 1, 2021 to September 30, 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 third quarter of 2021.*

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

## MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/07/21

Length: 00:01:48

### **Advocates calling on lawmakers to enact equal pay protections for women in Miss.**

Mississippi remains the only state without equal pay protections on the books. Advocates are raising awareness and calling on state lawmakers to enact legislation.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/06/21

Length: 00:01:25

### **Experts say a system of racist policy is preventing Mississippians from accessing TANF funds**

Mississippi trails the nation in the distribution of TANF funds to families in need of assistance according to a new report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/10/21

Length: 00:01:42

### **Citing retaliation from poultry corporations, immigrant workers request protection**

Immigrant communities in Mississippi are seeking protections from the U.S. Department of Labor. The request for DALE comes two years after one of the largest ICE raids in recent history.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 08/12/21

Length: 00:03:44

### **Black Church's Street Team Encourages Residents To Get Vaccinated**

In Waterbury, Ct., where less than 40% of Black residents are fully vaccinated, teenagers are going door-to-door to encourage people to get their shot.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/12/21

Length: 00:01:33

### **Second dose COVID-19 vaccinations draws students and community members to JSU**

Jackson State University students and community members are taking time out to get their second COVID-19 vaccination.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/18/21

Length: 00:01:27

### **SPLC report takes aim at discrimination in state's voting policies**

A new report by a national civil rights group finds state voting policies discriminate against African Americans..

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 09/15/21

Length: 00:05:10

**This Is A Film About What It's Like Living While Black, In Japan**

Photojournalist and filmmaker team Keith Bedford and Shiho Fukada are married.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 09/30/21

Length: 00:07:53

**Why Texas' Draft Map Of Congressional Districts Is Rankling Many Black, Latino Voters**

Republican lawmakers in Texas released a map first thing Monday morning.

## EDUCATION

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/01/21

Length: 00:01:33

### **Civics Secures Democracy Act Proposes Grants To Support Civics Education**

Mississippi education officials are in the beginning stages of implementing a new law that takes effect today. It requires computer science be taught in all K-12 public schools in the state.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/15/21

Length: 00:01:47

### **MDE sets policies calling on districts to resume in-person learning this Fall**

The State Board of Education passed two policies calling for all districts to resume in-person instruction

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/19/21

Length: 00:03:51

### **Advocates Criticize Funding Program To Revitalize Indigenous Language Programs**

COVID-19 relief funding includes \$20 million for indigenous language programs.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 07/29/21

Length: 00:03:46

### **Texas School Administrators Go Door-to-Door To Bring Students Back To The Classroom**

Door-to-door pitches might come from a political campaign or a religious group.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 07/29/21

Length: 00:03:46

### **How To Help Your Child - And Yourself - Through The First Day Of School**

The first day back to school can be a dreaded experience — for both children and parents.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 08/18/21

Length: 00:03:29

### **Florida Schools Wrestle With Whether To Require Students To Wear Masks**

Florida's Board of Education is taking action against school districts that defy the governor's order banning face mask mandates for students.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 09/01/21

Length: 00:03:54

**Elementary School COVID Outbreak Shows Why Layers Of Safety Precautions Are Necessary**

A COVID outbreak in a California elementary school has highlighted how formidable a foe delta is in classrooms.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/24/21

Length: 00:01:49

**Education officials see decline in math and English assessment test results due to pandemic**

Mississippi education officials are in the midst of reviewing new public school test results that show a decline in math and English outcomes. Officials say the drop is directly related to the coronavirus pandemic.

# ECONOMY

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 08/12/21

Length: 00:04:09

## **Big Banks Will Open Their Checkbooks To Lure Young Talent**

The biggest banks have decided to pay entry-level analysts more money.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/18/21

Length: 00:01:42

## **How historic food stamps boost will bring relief to southern families: ‘This is a really big deal’**

Millions of Americans receiving assistance with food and groceries will see an increase in their benefits this fall thanks to new legislation approved by the Biden Administration on Monday.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/25/21

Length: 00:01:46

## **Hospital association excited about additional staffing as states try to lure some workers away**

Mississippi hospitals are at the breaking point struggling to manage the surge of COVID-19 patients according to an official. Some hospitals are also losing staff to other states.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/26/21

Length: 00:03:48

## **Despite Record Number On The Road, Women Truck Drivers Still Face Barriers Getting Into Industry**

There's a record number of women on the road today, about 245,000 – over 2% more than there were before the pandemic.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 09/22/21

Length: 00:03:48

## **As Fed Meeting Wraps Up, Interest Rates Will Likely Remain Near Zero**

The job market is faltering; the pandemic is not. And inflation is higher than it's been in years.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/24/21

Length: 00:01:37

## **Restaurants across Mississippi are short-staffed and business owners are struggling to hire**

The service industry in Mississippi continues to face staffing shortages as many former employees are not returning to restaurants after shutdowns earlier in the pandemic.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/30/21

Length: 00:01:44

**Women nearly half workforce but many paid thousands less than men**

Income Mississippi women make up 49 percent of the workforce in the state and 73 percent are co-breadwinners for their families.

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 07/02/21

Length: 00:03:42

### **Tennessee's Former Vaccine Leader Says She Was Fired Because Politics Trumped Science**

One day after being fired, Tennessee's former top vaccination official said she lost her job because of false rumors about vaccination efforts, specifically for teenagers.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/06/21

Length: 00:01:44

### **Miss. lawmakers meet to discuss redistricting**

As required every ten years, lawmakers in Mississippi are beginning to work to redraw a number of district maps that will impact voters.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 08/27/21

Length: 00:03:55

### **Pakistan Helped Create The Taliban. Here's What It Means For The Country Now**

Pakistan helped create the Taliban in the 1990s — and was one of only three countries to recognize their government.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/09/21

Length: 00:01:50

### **Lawmakers seek expert advice on creating correction reentry programs**

Mississippi lawmakers are hearing from experts in the field of corrections about the best approaches to reducing recidivism and they say it does require some investment.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/22/21

Length: 00:01:33

### **Coalition of abortion rights groups file Supreme Court brief opposing 15-week ban**

Some Mississippi organizations are joining forces to oppose the state's 15-week abortion ban by filing a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court ahead of oral arguments.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/27/21

Length: 00:01:38

### **Medical Marijuana now one of four issues lawmakers ask Gov. to approve for special session**

A date for Mississippi lawmakers to hold a special session to pass a medical marijuana bill and approve COVID-19 related bills could come any day now.



Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/28/21

Length: 00:01:28

**Medical marijuana proposal draws criticism by state officials**

Mississippi lawmakers have drafted legislation that could create a medical marijuana program in the state, but the state's agriculture commissioner is voicing his opposition to the measure

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/29/21

Length: 00:01:32

**Voter registration deadlines for the November 2nd election are this weekend**

College and university campuses across Mississippi are participating in National Voter Registration month to encourage students to engage in the election process.

## HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/01/21

Length: 00:03:18

### **Southern states are enacting and expanding medical marijuana programs. But what about Mississippi?**

States across the South are making way for more patients to legally use medical marijuana.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 08/09/21

Length: 00:04:21

### **New Treatments Look For Ways To Protect The Brain From Alzheimer's**

Immune cells, toxic protein tangles and brain waves are among the targets of future Alzheimer's treatments, scientists say.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/12/21

Length: 00:01:32

### **Health officials warn COVID-19 cases in schools are on the rise**

Mississippi schools are starting to report their COVID-19 cases to the state department of health. Officials say there are 80 outbreaks and they expect that number to rise.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 08/12/21

Length: 00:03:40

### **The Potential Implications Of Not Tracking Breakthrough Cases**

By now, many Americans know someone who's been fully vaccinated but still got a breakthrough infection of COVID-19.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 08/13/21

Length: 00:03:47

### **Colleges Are Going Big To Incentivize Student Vaccinations**

U.S. colleges are counting on high COVID-19 vaccination rates to keep their campuses safe this fall.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/17/21

Length: 00:01:52

### **A doctor on the frontlines of fighting COVID-19 urges pregnant women to get vaccinated**

A Mississippi doctor is urging pregnant women and those who want to have a child to be vaccinated for COVID-19.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/20/21

Length: 00:01:34

**Substance abuse continues to climb during the coronavirus pandemic**

Mental health and addiction specialists in Mississippi say there's a large increase in alcohol and drug abuse directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/27/21

Length: 00:01:39

**Hospital mortality rate in Mississippi has increased by 40% throughout coronavirus pandemic**

Coronavirus infection rates in Mississippi have continued to decline for several weeks. Doctors say high mortality rates are being identified among the unvaccinated.

# CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/14/21

Length: 00:01:20

## **Several children in Mississippi hospitalized with the coronavirus**

Health officials in Mississippi say there are seven children across the state in intensive care with coronavirus infections and two are on a ventilator fighting for their lives.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/15/21

Length: 00:01:44

## **New extended child tax credits are on the way to families in Mississippi**

More than 360,000 families in Mississippi are eligible for the expanded Child Tax Credit.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/15/21

Length: 00:03:49

## **The First Monthly Payments Under The Expanded Child Tax Credit Are Arriving**

The first payments have gone out to parents. Tens of millions of families will receive up to \$300 per child.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 08/12/21

Length: 00:02:11

## **California Is The 1st State To Require Vaccination For All School Staff**

The state will now require all teachers and school staff to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or get weekly tests.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/18/21

Length: 00:01:42

## **How historic food stamps boost will bring relief to southern families: 'This is a really big deal'**

Millions of Americans receiving assistance with food and groceries will see an increase in their benefits this fall thanks to new legislation approved by the Biden Administration on Monday.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/19/21

Length: 00:01:56

## **School district grieves death of student due to COVID-19, health officials say more tragedy ahead**

A rise in COVID-19 pediatric cases in Mississippi, and the recent death of a student in Smith County, may lead to more tragedy, according to state health officials.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 08/20/21

Length: 00:08:13

**Moms Describe Preparing For Another Pandemic School Year**

NPR's Mary Louise Kelly talks with moms from across the country about the impacts the COVID-19 pandemic has had on their children's educations.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 09/13/21

Length: 00:04:34

**Babies, The Delta Variant And COVID: What Parents Need To Know**

If you have a baby at home or are expecting one in the next few months, you might be on edge for all sorts of reasons, but particularly because of COVID-19.

# ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/20/21

Length: 00:03:25

## **Jeff Bezos Will Briefly Leave Earth Aboard Historic Blue Origin Flight**

Billionaire Jeff Bezos and three crewmates are set to travel in the New Shepard spacecraft to the edge of space for what will be the inaugural flight of the Amazon founder's company Blue Origin.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/29/21

Length: 00:04:38

## **More extreme weather In Gulf States means more power outages. Are energy companies ready for it?**

The 2021 Atlantic hurricane season is likely to be as active as last year's, when thousands in the Gulf South were without power for weeks after hurricanes Laura, Zeta, Cristobal and Delta.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 08/19/21

Length: 00:02:55

## **Bats Love To Babble - Just Like Humans**

Spend any time around a baby and you're likely to hear some babbling. Now, new research shows baby bats can do it too.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/01/21

Length: 00:01:26

## **Hundreds line up for gas in McComb, but supplies are limited**

Thousands of Mississippians lost power during Hurricane Ida as the storm swept across the state, and crews are working around the clock to restore electricity. But another source of energy is in short supply in some areas: Gas.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/03/21

Length: 00:01:32

## **How monoclonal antibodies can help keep Mississippians out of the hospital**

After someone tests positive for the coronavirus, health officials are encouraging them to receive a monoclonal antibody treatment. A clinic administrator shares how this treatment can help save lives.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 09/16/21

Length: 00:05:17

## **NASA Is Launching A New Telescope That Could Offer Some Cosmic Eye Candy**

In December, NASA is scheduled to launch the huge \$10 billion James Webb Space Telescope, which is sometimes billed as the successor to the aging Hubble Space Telescope.