



**ISSUES REPORT
2ND QUARTER, 2020**



COMMUNITY ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	DATE	TIME	AMOUNT OF TIME DEVOTED
Economy	Guest Attorney Guy Fustine discussed the financial challenges that consumers and small businesses will face during the COVID-19 crisis and long after. Also discussed was an ad hoc committee of the Erie County Bar Association putting together a new free "ask a lawyer" helpline related to the pandemic.	4/5/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Provision for businesses and non-profits	Bridget Moira Foust of Mask Erie, was interviewed about the organization that has been making masks for non-profits and businesses.	4/7/20	9:00 AM	4 minutes
Education on Public Health	Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Administrator, discussed precautions that all must take seriously while trying to flatten the curve of the growth of COVID-19.	4/8/20	8:45 AM	5 minutes
Education	Guest Brian Polito, Superintendent of Erie's Public Schools, discussed how the school district had to move its instruction online for the foreseeable future. Under the mandatory shift imposed by Governor Tom Wolf, Polito explained the challenges of distributing chrome books safely to every student and enhancing wi-fi internet access for some 800 families facing challenges.	4/12/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Needs of the poor in the area	Karen Seggi, Director of Second Harvest Food Bank, talked about the great need for donations of food and money during COVID.	4/14/20	9:00 AM	6 minutes
Health Care Delivery	Guest David Gibbons, President of UPMC Hamot, shared the challenges for the hospital in treating COVID-19 patients and developing a free-standing virus test site. He answered questions from host Lisa Adams about the safety of staff and patients, new hospital protocols and visitor restrictions, and the suspension of elective procedures. Also discussed was the relationship between Erie and the other UPMC hospitals.	4/19/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Education on Public Health	Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Administrator, discussed the best practices area residents must take to stem COVID-19.	4/22/20	8:45 AM	5 minutes
Needs of the poor in the area	On-site broadcast at WICU-TV to raise money for Second Harvest Food Bank in these difficult time for families.	4/23/20	12:30 PM	2.5 hours
Health Services during Pandemic	Guest Melissa Lyon, Public Health Director for the Erie County Department of Health, discussed the county's response to COVID-19. She explained the early focus on testing, how contact tracing and self-quarantining works, and the work of the county enforcement team that investigates businesses that may not be operating properly under the governor's shut down orders.	4/26/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes



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Education on Public Health	Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Administrator, discussed the best practices area residents must take to stem COVID-19.	4/29/20	8:45 AM	5 minutes
Local Non-Profit	Station Raised \$550 for Erie Area Rabbit Society (E.A.R.S) with a Facebook Fundraiser.	4/30/20	off air event	1 day
Health Services during Pandemic	Guest Dr. Christopher Clark, D.O., President of AHN Saint Vincent Hospital, explained the steps the hospital had to take to prepare for COVID-19 testing and patient care. That included setting up the first tent testing site, and developing a COVID-19 specific wing. He also discussed a anew method of mask sterilization that the hospital helped to pilot. He answered questions from host Lisa Adams on testing people for antibodies and using their convalescent plasma in patients as part of a clinical trial with Mayo Clinic.	5/3/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Education on Public Health	Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Administrator, discussed the best practices area residents must take to stem COVID-19.	5/6/20	8:45 AM	5 minutes
Erie Cultural Opportunities	Guest Pam Masi, Interim Executive Director of the Erie Art Museum discussed her role in helping the museum emerge from a controversy that resulted in the firing of the former director. She explained how the museum is navigating COVID-19 and making plans for a safe way to reopen exhibits to the public. She shared a virtual tour of the current exhibits, talked aboaut how the Spring Show had to be juried through the submission of photos t his year and talked about the need for donations because of lost revenue from canceled fund raising event Artrageous, as well as rentals.	5/10/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Education on Public Health	Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Administrator, discussed the best practices area residents must take to stem COVID-19.	5/13/20	8:45 AM	5 minutes
Erie Cultural Opportunities	Guests Erie Philharmonic Executive Director Steve Weiser and Music Director Daniel Meyer talked about the challenge of COVID-19 to large group events such as the philharmonic. They discussed having to cancel end of year pops and symphonic concerts, and how many people donated their ticket price back. The orchestra was heading into a displaced season in the Erie Insurance Arena as their home in the Warner Theatre was undergoing renovations. They discussed the uncertainty of when live performances can resume, and talked about the "from home" videos orchestra members have been creating and sharing during the pandemic.	5/17/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes



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Education	Guest Gannon University President Dr. Keith Taylor discussed the university's plan for students to return to on-campus learning in the fall. He talked about how classes and graduation had to change because of the virus and the steps they'll take to build confidence in families about returning to campus in the fall. He detailed plans for student isolation facilities and the need for campus contact tracers.	5/24/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Education on Public Health	Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Administrator, discussed the best practices area residents must take to stem COVID-19.	5/27/20	8:45 AM	5 minutes
Economic Impacts in Insurance Industry locally	Guests Tim Necastro, CEO of Fortune 500 company Erie Insurance discussed the business response to COVID-19. He shared how they quickly shifted to working from home, and did it safely. He shared how they made decisions, along with the insurance industry, to cut rates and offer dividends because of how people's driving habits have changed during the pandemic. He discussed "Erie Agents Giving Back" initiative and how it was funded by 2.5 million dollars to help communities struggling because of the virus fallout, and discussed why employees likely won't move into their new multi-million dollar facility or resume in-person work until there is a vaccine.	5/31/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Education on Public Health	Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Administrator, discussed the best practices area residents must take to stem COVID-19.	6/3/20	8:45 AM	5 minutes
Economic Impacts in Tourism Industry locally	Guest John Oliver, President and CEO of VisitErie, discussed how hard the tourism industry has been hit by COVID-19. He discussed a change in marketing for tourists, and the "We'll Be Here" message they created. He talked about a task force they formed and the reopening recommendations they've developed for six key tourism areas from small events and restaurants to major venues.	6/7/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Education on Public Health	Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Administrator, discussed the best practices area residents must take to stem COVID-19.	6/10/20	8:45 AM	5 minutes
Pandemic Impact on the Community	Facebook Live Chat with WICU Mark Soliday and David Wolter discussing COVID impact on the community.	6/11/20	8:00 AM	10 minutes



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COVID Impact on Cultural Growth	Guest George Deutsch, Executive Director of the Erie County Historical Society, talked about the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the Hagen History Center. The timing was difficult as construction on their new exhibit building had be be halted and a big fund raising gala and grand opening had to be delayed. He discussed plans for an exclusive virtual opening, the visit of Justice Bell (marking women's suffrage) and of the new outdoor exhibits.	6/14/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Education on Public Health	Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Administrator, discussed the best practices area residents must take to stem COVID-19.	6/17/20	8:45 AM	5 minutes
Law Enforcement in times of Crisis/ Recruitment efforts of minorities	Guests Michael Outlaw, Community Liaison for the City of Erie, and Sgt. Tom Lenox, Recruiter for Erie Police and Director of the Police Athletic League, discussed police hiring, especially their efforts to be more inclusive on the force. Each reflected on the riots in Erie after the George Floyd death in Minneapolis. They also spelled out the timetable and requirements for those interested in applying.	6/21/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Education on Public Health	Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Administrator, discussed moving into the Green Phase of dealing with COVID-19.	6/24/20	8:45 AM	5 minutes
Family Services	Guests Marcus Atkinson, Executive Director of ServeErie, and Ashley Westgate, Program Director, discussed how COVID-19 has impacted the ministry and their big summer volunteer project. They shared the footprint they serve on the East side of Erie, and also discussed how they pivoted and got involved in meeting needs related to the pandemic.	6/28/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Environment	Sara Stahlman, Extension leader for the PA Sea Grant College Program was interviewed to inform the public about AIS Land Blitz, a program designed to make the public aware of the Aquatic Invasive Species and the precautions that must be taken to not unknowingly bring them into our area by boat.	6/30/20	9:00 AM	5 minutes