

WGTD Community Issues File

WGTD news stories air a minimum of two times in our newscasts that air between 6am and 8:10am, Monday through Friday. Each news story then airs again in our 25-minute WGTD Midday newscast @ Noon. (Key: N=WGTD News) (Key: WPR = Wisconsin Public Radio) (Key: NPR = National Public Radio) (Key: MMR= Marketplace Morning Report)

WGTD's "Morning Show" airs Monday through Friday from 8:10-9am. (Key: MS)

Education Matters and Community Matters are locally produced shows, 45 minutes in length, that air every Saturday morning. (Key: EM or CM)

WGTD Community Issues: 4th Quarter, October-November-December 2022

Civil Rights/Policing in America: The George Floyd Murder/Jacob Blake Shooting/Other Police Shootings/Policing Procedures:

10/26: A new class-action lawsuit alleges that Maryland State Police has a history of engaging in systemic discrimination against its officers of color. (2:21) (NPR)

Public Health: Coronavirus Updates/Vaccine News/MonkeyPox

10/5: The Walworth County Public Health Department is trying to get the word out about an upcoming COVID vaccination clinic. (:60) (N)

10/26 : President Biden is urging more Americans to get a COVID booster shot, even as research suggests the new vaccines might not be any better than the old ones. (2:01) (NPR)

10/27: Some hospitals are filling up as respiratory infections hits hard and early -- just as flu season starts up and another possible COVID-19 wave approaches. (4:33) (NPR)

10/27: The COVID pandemic has accelerated growing trends in remote and hybrid work. In order to work from home, you need the technology for it. And one of the major players in that space is Hewlett Packard Enterprise. We hear from the company's CEO, Antonio Neri about the future of work,(3:20) (MMR)

11/04: Two subvariants that have emerged from the soup of Omicron offspring are among the most adept at evading immunity. They appear poised to become dominant in the U.S. and could fuel a new surge. (3:45) (NPR)

11/28: Infectious disease doctors are worried about SEVERAL respiratory illnesses this holiday season: "RSV AND FLU AND COVID CAN ALL CAUSE REALLY SEVERE DISEASE. IT'S REALLY GOING TO PUT A STRAIN ON THE HOSPITAL SYSTEMS." More on what experts are saying about this so-called "tripledeemic" (4:00) (N/NPR)

11/30: For nearly three years, China has enforced incredibly strict rules to keep coronavirus transmission in check. But those policies may not work against Omicron. (4:00) (N/NPR)

12/02: In China, the recent protests against the government's tough pandemic control policies have ended with a police crackdown. There are some signs the protests have been a catalyst for change. (2:27) (N/NPR)

12/07: With Chinese leaders expected to loosen the country's notoriously strict COVID policies, how could a rise in cases affect Chinese citizens and the global economy? (3:30) (N/NPR)

12/09: Two health care associations are weighing in on a Wisconsin Supreme Court case considering whether a Waukesha hospital should have been forced to give a patient ivermectin for COVID-19. The American Medical Association and Wisconsin Medical Society filed the amicus brief Wednesday. It argues ivermectin hasn't been proven effective in treating the disease. (:60) (N/WPR)

12/15: Scientists predict China will see a tsunami of COVID-19 cases in the next month with hundreds of millions of people infected. (5:03) (N/NPR)

12/15: A nonpartisan audit is calling on Governor Tony Evers to be more transparent about how he distributes billions in federal COVID-19 relief funds. Republican lawmakers have previously criticized the governor's spending choices and tried to give themselves control of the money. The Evers administration pinned the lack of documentation on an urgent need to distribute relief funds. (:45) (N/WPR)

12/21: China has reported very few deaths in a massive nationwide COVID-19 surge, but crematoriums and funeral homes say they are overwhelmed. (3:50) (N/NPR)

Public Health: SCOTUS Overturns Roe v Wade

10/4: Wisconsin Democrats are doubling down on their support of abortion rights in hopes of swinging tight races for governor and US Senate their way. (:50) (WPR)

10/4: When Roe v Wade was struck down this summer, virtually all legal abortions in Wisconsin stopped. This prompted one WPR listener to send a question to the network's "Whysconsin Project" about what resources exist for pregnant women. (3:43) (WPR)

10/6: The Republican US Senate candidate in Wisconsin proposed a referendum on abortion the same day that members of his party rejected a mechanism that Democratic Governor Tony Evers said could lead to a ballot question on the issue. (:55) (WPR)

10/19: The GOP candidate for governor---here in Wisconsin---is now suggesting he does NOT support arresting doctors under the state's current near total ban on abortions. (:45) (N)

11/03: Abortion rights are on the ballot in Michigan, which has already become a regional abortion haven. Kate Wells spent weeks observing procedures and talking to patients inside a clinic outside Detroit. (11:28) (NPR)

11/07: A look at how two key issues this election season -- inflation and the fight over abortion -- are informing voters' midterm votes. (7:15) (N/NPR)

11/8: Wisconsin has an old abortion ban on the books. A large turnout today among Black voters in Milwaukee would likely help get it removed. (4:33) (N/NPR)

11/10: Voters generally favored abortion rights in abortion-related ballot initiatives this year. That could have implications for both policy and strategy. Abortion opponents say voters were misled by some of the messaging around these initiatives. (3:45) (N/NPR)

11/22: Doctors in states with abortion bans can face prison time and lose their licenses if they violate the laws. Some are calling on doctors to openly defy the bans. (7:02) (N/NPR)

12/2: A group of conservative prosecutors---here in Wisconsin---is asking a judge to toss out a lawsuit challenging the state's 173-year-old ban on abortions. (:45) (N)

12/15: Right-leaning state legislatures are moving to make ballot measures tougher to pass. This follows the success of measures on abortion access, marijuana and Medicaid expansion. (5:15) (N/NPR)

12/20: Vice President Harris told NPR that the administration plans to bolster agents at the southern border after pandemic migration restrictions end. She also discussed abortion and misinformation online. (5:42)

ECONOMY: Rising Oil Prices/Inflation