

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Stations KTXN

January 1- March 31, 2020

Section I: Issues

Through on-air announcements that air at various times of the day, KTXN solicits input from Victoria and The Crossroads area in South Texas. Residents and members of our community tell us what concerns they have. From that feedback, we have identified the following as significant issues in our community:

- A. **Victoria Establishes Office of Emergency Management:** At the onset of the Coronavirus outbreak the city of Victoria established an Office of Emergency Management response team assigned to update the public on a daily basis. Our radio station partners with this panel to provide daily and weekly updates to the community and Victoria county.
- B. **Victoria ISD Meal Distribution for Kids:** As school systems around the state were ordered to close by Governor Greg Abbott, Victoria ISD announced a meal distribution program to feed all students Pre-K 3 to 18 years of age. Our radio station created a special program to introduce this option to the public and to provide information on this free service to Victoria families who depend on meal programs for their kids.
- C. **Victoria Covid-19 Testing:** The Victoria County Health Authority joined our radio stations for a special Q & A session with our audience as the city of Victoria introduced its response plan for the community on how to handle covid-19 and the shutdown of our small business community. This segment covered the policy of area hospitals during the pandemic and how to go about being tested for covid-19.
- D. **Victoria Stay Home/Stay Safe Order:** Victoria Public Health Director David Gonzales reviews Governor Greg Abbotts shutdown orders and its impact on the Victoria business community. This segment explains to the community the state's method for designating "essential business" status and what those essential services are for Victoria. Gonzales also reviews the shutdown of parks and public areas to groups of people and the according timeline for the city.
- E. **Affordable Cares Act Assistance for Small Businesses:** Mayor Rawley McCoy joined our stations for a special segment on the Affordable Cares Act and how small businesses in Victoria County who have been ordered to close due to Covid-19 can apply for assistance. Mayor McCoy explains how Governor Abbotts orders will affect our community and took questions from the audience.
- F. **Victoria Stay Home/Stay Safe Enforcement and Response:** Chief of Police CC Craig joined our radio stations for a special program about covid-19 response. This segment recaps important social gathering limitations for the community and the consequences for non-compliance with a state order. Craig reviews the fines, and possible jail time to groups of people who disobey the Stay Home/Stay Safe order and reviews how citizens can report non-compliance to the Victoria Police.

Section II. Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the below-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

The Victoria Report: Crossroads Heart and Stroke Walk

Broadcast on January 8th – February 1st

Segment duration: :30 PSA Aired 6:00am-12:00am

This segment featured public service announcements for the Crossroads Heart and Stroke Walk. The PSA stressed the importance of walking a minimum of thirty minutes daily for a healthy lifestyle. Additionally, contact information was provided to sign-up for the annual Crossroads Heart and Stroke Walk at Victoria Community College on Saturday, February 2nd.

The Victoria Report: Corona Virus Outbreak

Broadcast on March 15th

Segment duration (15 minutes) Aired 6:30am-6:45am

This segment featured a discussion **with Victoria County Judge Ben Zeller** about the introduction of the Office of Emergency Management Center and resources for Victorians at the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. Judge Zeller explains the daily briefings from the OEM Center, the Victoria Covid-19 hotline, and ways for the public to stay informed with the most current updates from the health department and the cities developing response plan.

The Victoria Report: VISD Meal Distribution Plan

Broadcast on March 17th

Segment Duration (15 minutes) Aired 9:00am to 9:15am

This segment featured a discussion with **Victoria ISD Superintendent Dr. Quintin Shepherd**. Governor Abbott has ordered the closing of all Victoria ISD schools. In response, Dr. Shepherd spoke with us to brief the community on VISD's meal distribution plan for families and kids who count on the ISD meal service. Despite schools being ordered closed Victoria ISD stepped up to offer the continued meal service to all students for free. This segment explains meal pick up times and locations and how to qualify for the free service if a child does not attend a VISD school. Shepherd also introduced the ISD's plan for social distance learning using handouts and distributing tablets to students for use at home during the pandemic.

The Victoria Report: Victoria Covid-19 Response Plan

Broadcast on March 22nd

Segment Duration (15 minutes) Aired 6:30am to 6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with **Victoria County Health Authority Dr. John McNeill** about the city's first confirmed cases of covid-19 and what Victoria's response plan will be. McNeill also allowed listeners to send in questions for response during the segment such as what the rules are for visits to area hospitals and how to get a covid-19 test ordered for individuals who are sick or at risk.

The Victoria Report: Small Business Assistance through the Affordable Care Act

Broadcast on March 22nd

Segment Duration (15 minutes) Aired 6:45am to 7:00am

This segment featured a discussion with **Victoria Mayor Rawley McCoy** about the Affordable Care Act options for small businesses. Many businesses have been ordered to close and are facing extreme hardship. Mayor McCoy outlines how they can apply for assistance. The Mayor discusses the Governor's shut down orders and outlines the mandatory guidelines for shut down in Victoria.

The Victoria Report: Covid-19 Testing in Victoria County

Broadcast on March 27th

Segment Duration (15 minutes) Aired 6:30am to 6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with **Victoria County Public Health Director David Gonzales** about covid-19 testing in Victoria County. David discussed information about testing locations, the Covid-19 swab test that will be offered at the city's mobile test site which will be opening soon, and how to get a covid-19 test ordered by your primary care physician or the health department. Gonzales also updates the current Stay Home/Stay Safe orders.

The Victoria Report: Covid-19 Stay Home/Stay Safe Enforcement

Broadcast on March 29th

Segment Duration (15 minutes)

Aired 6:30am to 6:45am

This segment featured a discussion with Victoria Police Chief CC Craig about law enforcement's role in enforcing the city's social distancing policy, business closures, and how members of the community can report non-compliance during the stay home stay safe order from Governor Abbott. Chief Craig reviews the penalties for businesses who remain open that are non-essential, and the fines and possible jail time for members of the community who do not observe Victoria's policy on social distancing.