

## Issues-Programs List for July through September, 2021

We have continued a daily pandemic update.

From the Prairie Public News Department, all aired at 7:30am as well as other times.

State Government. Legislature to meet in special session starting Nov. 8th By [Dave Thompson](#).  
Published September 22, 2021 North Dakota lawmakers will be back November 8th, to deal primarily with two big subjects: one is redistricting, the other is spending the \$1 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Pandemic. State reporting nearly 900 new COVID-19 cases, 3 additional deaths By [Danielle Webster](#).  
Published September 28, 2021 Today's case positivity rate is 10.56 percent. The state health department has confirmed three more deaths related to COVID-19, bringing the statewide death toll to 1,607.

Tribes and Redistricting. [Tribal leaders push for Legislative 'sub-districts'](#) by [Dave Thompson](#) September 16, 2021. The leaders say it could allow for more Tribal representation

Pandemic. [ND health care providers sign letter asking for universal masking in schools](#) by [Danielle Webster](#) September 10, 2021 The providers are members of North Dakota chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the North Dakota Medical Association and the North Dakota Academy of Family Physicians.

Energy/Climate Change. New authority to soon start reviewing clean, sustainable energy projects By [Dave Thompson](#) Published September 8, 2021. The 2021 Legislature established the Authority to enhance the production of clean sustainable energy, in terms of such things as carbon capture. \$25 million was appropriated from the General Fund, and the Authority can borrow up to \$250 million from the Bank of North Dakota.

State Government. [Burgum: Don't wait until 2024 to spend \\$1 billion in federal COVID relief money](#) by [Dave Thompson](#) August 12, 2021. Burgum is talking to Legislative leaders about a special session to spend the money

Energy/Economy. [MN Co-ops approve sale of the Coal Creek Station power plant](#) by [Dave Thompson](#) July 30, 2021 The sale could be finalized later this year

From NPR, all aired during Morning Edition, between 4:00 am and 8:00 am Issues represented are Agriculture, Climate Change, Worker Shortage, Haiti, and Fires.

07/12/2021	0:02:55	Farmers Worry That Their Crops Won't Survive This Summer's Heat Waves
07/29/2021	0:05:20	How Climate Change Is Driving Extreme Weather
07/30/2021	0:03:15	Planet Money: Why Aren't There Enough Skilled People To Build Houses?
08/30/2021	0:03:45	Earthquake Deals A Powerful Blow To Haiti's Catholic Churches
08/17/2021	0:07:17	Kitchen Sisters: Voices Of Survivors Of The CZU Lightning Complex Fire