

## WBBM-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

ATTACHED ARE LISTINGS OF BROADCASTS WHICH, IN THE STATION'S JUDGMENT, REFLECT OUR SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES DURING THE PERIOD OF

October 1, 2020 THROUGH December 31, 2020

### PROGRAM INDEX

CBS 2 MORNING NEWS, MONDAY - FRIDAY, 4:30 – 7:00AM;

CBS 2 NEWS, MONDAY-FRIDAY [30 minutes], 11AM, 5PM, 6PM & 10PM

### ON WEEKENDS

CBS 2 MORNING NEWS, SATURDAY 5-6:00AM & 8-9:00AM; and SUNDAY 5-8:00AM

CBS 2 EVENING NEWS, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 5PM and 10-11:00PM

### SYNDICATED:

**Gospel Superfest: Holiday 20, Friday, 12/25/2020 2:00am-3:00am & Saturday, 12/26/2020 1:45am-2:45am**

**Gospel Superfest: Holiday 20** shines as a powerful, one-hour TV spectacular with a unique blend of holiday and gospel music performances. The up-tempo presentation features gospel legend Karen Clark-Sheard, Erica Campbell, J. Moss, Ricky Dillard, Isabel Davis, Demetrius West & JP, Lonnie Hunter and many more.

**Gospel Superfest: Holiday 20** is hosted by Wendy Raquel Robinson and was produced in Dayton, Ohio.

**THE DURATION OF STORIES IN THIS REPORT RANGE FROM ONE TO THREE MINUTES**

### GOVERNMENT

**October 5, 2020 - (CBS News at 10pm)** Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot is ready to unveil her plans to tackle the city's record \$1.2 billion dollar budget gap. A massive shortfall has been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**October 13, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am)** There are now more options for voters in Chicago. Early voting sites in all 50 Wards will open on October 14<sup>th</sup> and election officials believe this could also be good news for mail-in voters.

**October 26, 2020- (CBS 2 News at 11am)** Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle just launched the Cash Assistance Program. It's a \$2.1 million program funded by the Federal Cares Act. The Cash Assistance Program will give \$600 to 3,000 residents impacted by the pandemic. November 6th is the official application deadline.

**October 27, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** Chicagoans are not waiting for election day to cast their ballots. Since October 1st, more than 218,000 people have voted early at sites around the city. The city has confirmed that Chicago is on course to shatter records for early voting.

**October 26, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** - CBS 2 Political Investigator Dana Kozlov talked one on one with Mayor Lori Lightfoot about new taxes in her budget plan, including a property tax hike and additional fees on parking meters and speed camera tickets.

**November 3, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am)** Indiana's Governor, Republican Eric Holcomb, will get a second term. Hoosier voters extended Holcomb's time in office for another four years. The announcement came relatively early last night, as Indiana was one of the first states to call its races.

**November 16, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** A group of progressive and socialist aldermen plan to introduce their budget counterproposals at today's City Council meeting. One of the ordinances calls for a head tax on every Chicago logistics company, including Amazon, Walmart and Target. The tax would be \$16 a month for each worker and will bring in \$5.7 million dollars each year for the city.

**November 25, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** President Donald Trump pardons his former national security adviser, Michael Flynn. Flynn pleaded guilty back in 2017 to lying to the FBI, as part of the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

**November 27, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** People living in Chicago's Edgewater community say they go days without getting mail and often deliveries are weeks late. The alderman says he's hearing complaints about mail service every day. The post office says they're using all available resources to try and match the workload caused by the pandemic.

**November 30, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** Tomorrow we expect to meet President-Elect Joe Biden's economic team. Just like in 2009 with Obama, whom Biden served as Vice President, the incoming administration will have a tough time come January 20th dealing with a struggling economy facing serious challenges from the start.

**December 5, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** Illinois election judges did more work in 2020 than years past. However, election judges we talked to from the suburbs are still waiting to get

paychecks. There were similar problems earlier in the year and part of the blame was placed on lost or delayed mail.

**December 9, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** President-Elect, Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden, says his taxes are now under federal investigation. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Delaware is looking into those records.

**December 10, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** CBS Chicago has learned that 341,000 people are entangled in some sort of fraud with the Illinois Department of Employment Security, in many cases, preventing them from getting the money they need.

**December 15, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** A state board is in the middle of a hearing to decide if Mercy Hospital should stay open or close its doors for good. If it does shut down, the nearest hospital for Bronzeville residents would be 3 miles away, which would create a so-called "health care desert" for the South Side neighborhood.

**December 20, 2020 - (CBS News at 6am)** You'd think in 2020 every cop in America would be armed with body cameras. That's not the case, because it's not that simple. We explored Kane County, where deputies are just now slowly starting to roll cameras on their every move.

## **MEDICAL**

**October 1, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am)** A major drug maker working on a Coronavirus vaccine, says it will not be ready until spring of 2021 at the earliest. Moderna, currently has a trial underway at the University of Illinois-Chicago. If their vaccine is shown to be safe and effective, the company says it'll ask the FDA for emergency authorization to produce it for frontline COVID-19 workers at the end of November. If that goes well, the company will start mass-producing the vaccine for everyone else in late March or early April of 2021.

**October 6, 2020- (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** Chicago's top doctor is urging people to strongly consider not visiting Indiana. Indiana is averaging more than 15 Coronavirus cases a day for every 100,000 people. If that doesn't stop, Indiana will be added to Chicago's emergency travel order next week.

**October 7, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** Chances are you know someone who is feeling a bit anxious about the election. Couples therapist, Dr. Steven Stosny, says stress over the election is causing many Americans to fight with their spouses, friends, and co-workers. If you do find yourself in an argument, try to keep it respectful. Its healthier for you and your relationships.

**October 15, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** A new study claims air circulating on planes is not likely to spread the Coronavirus. The research shows that aircraft ventilation systems are effective at removing the virus from the air. The systems act similarly to those used in hospitals.

**October 23, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** There's a steady rise of COVID-19 patients in hospitals in Illinois. Right now, nearly 2,500 people are hospitalized across the state. That's the highest number since the beginning of June.

**October 30, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** Indoor dining was shut down again in Chicago starting today. And some business owners tell us they're seeing sales go up because they immediately capitalized on changing their business models.

**November 2, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am)** Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act has now begun. The uninsured have until December 15th to sign up for the government-run healthcare system, better known as Obamacare. The Economic Policy Institute estimates at least 12-million workers and their families lost their employer-sponsored insurance because of the pandemic.

**November 12, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** University of Illinois Chicago is going fully remote and in-person classes are being put on hold because of an uptick in COVID cases. Roosevelt University is also going back to fully online, along with Northeastern, DePaul, Loyola and the University of Chicago.

**November 17, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** It's a startling statistic; 1 in every 15 Chicagoans has COVID-19 right now. We're also learning thousands of doses of the COVID-19 vaccine could be in Chicago by the end of the year.

**November 24, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** An x-ray scan of your chest, using artificial intelligence, can tell you if you have COVID-19, before a regular test gives you results. Researchers at Northwestern University are calling Deep COVID XR a breakthrough. Results are available, in seconds and it's ten times faster than specialized radiologists analyzing the x-rays.

**November 30, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** A major step tomorrow towards getting the COVID-19 vaccine to people who need it most. The Center for Disease Control will hold an emergency meeting to vote on who should go to the top of the list for vaccinations once a vaccine is approved.

**December 2, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** From remote learning to wearing masks to sports being sidelined, it's no secret childhood is not normal right now during COVID-19. Parents are concerned about the long-term effects on children. Experts say it is critical for parents to help their children build resilience during this difficult time. Parents need to be consistent for kids to feel a sense of security and normalcy.

**December 5, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** The majority of ICU beds in Northwest Indiana are now occupied by COVID-19 patients. Doctors tell us that they're working 14 to 16 hours, sometimes for 15 days in a row. Hospitalizations in Indiana have tripled since October.

**December 9, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** We are just hours away from the FDA voting on whether to approve the first Coronavirus vaccine in the U.S. However, getting the first batches to Chicago and distributing them requires a lot of moving parts and today, Chicago's top leaders laid out their plan.

**December 16, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** The amount of COVID-19 Pfizer vaccines heading to states in the second half of December is being cut in half. The estimate of 8 million doses is now being dropped to 4.3 million doses.

**December 21, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am)** Millions of people struggle with seasonal affective disorder every winter. Now that we're also in the middle of a pandemic, it could be impacting people even more.

## **DIVERSITY:**

**October 6, 2020 - (CBS News at 6am)** Chicago is home to thousands of vacant lots and those empty spaces can be unsightly to say the least. This morning, there was a celebration of a solution. Mayor Lori Lightfoot will honor the organization behind beautiful new housing in Englewood. CBS Chicago was exclusively there to catch the first tenant's tour of his new home.

**October 14, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** A real-life Chicago trial is the subject of a new Netflix drama. "The Chicago 7" is the story of eight protesters, charged with crossing state lines to incite a riot during the 1968 Democratic Convention. Five defendants were convicted, but eventually those were overturned.

**October 16, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** CPS special needs students and Pre-K students could be heading back to class next month. New numbers out from the district are one reason why. They show the number of African American students in Pre-K in Chicago has been cut almost in half since last year.

**October 21, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** A beloved Jewel-Osco worker with special needs says he was unfairly fired. Khaled Alayli said he was fired after standing up to a customer who had bullied him for years. Now 12,000 people have signed an online petition trying to get Alayli his job back.

**October 27, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** There are serious concerns about voter suppression in Wisconsin cities that are historically democratic. In Kenosha, some are worried about white supremacist violence after a white police officer shot an unarmed black man and Kyle Rittenhouse allegedly killed two protesters. The Urban League of Greater Madison has held monthly meetings urging people to get out and vote.

**November 5, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** Most of the counting that's still happening from the Presidential election is taking place in urban areas, predominately African American. Analysts believe many African American voters were concerned about going to the polls to vote, because they're more vulnerable to the Coronavirus.

**November 11, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** The state's newest retirement home for veterans is finally open, but CBS Chicago discovered something very important was missing, veterans! Funding fights and design flaws have delayed 200 vets from moving into the new Chicago Center.

**November 16, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** The first Chicagoan to take part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial tells CBS Chicago that she took part because of the impact the virus has had among African Americans. Bonnie Blue says many of her friends and loved ones have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

**November 18, 2020 - (CBS News at 11am)** Like many of us, a Chicago teen was hit hard with the pandemic blues, but an online community showed up in a big way for a Pilsen teen with special needs. Someone on social media connected the family with the special needs' unit at a Chicago Park District. The 8th grader now does cooking class, art projects and fitness, all over Zoom with other teens.

**November 30, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am)**

President-Elect Joe Biden is fulfilling his promise to have a diverse administration. He's adding another woman of color to his staff. CBS News has learned Neera Tanden will be named as White House Budget Director. She is the daughter of Indian parents.

**December 1, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** She's made history in Cook County, Iris Martinez was just sworn in as the first Latina Clerk of the Circuit Court. She is now responsible for maintaining court records, collecting fines and fees and working with more than 400 judges.

**December 10, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** Hanukkah began at sunset and the holiday is already being celebrated in our nation's capital. The national menorah grand lighting ceremony began a couple of hours ago near the White House.

**December 11, 2020 - (CBS News at 5:30am)** Today the image of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" will be briefly removed from its shrine in Des Plaines ahead of tomorrow's feast day for Catholics. The removal will be done in a private ceremony. You may remember this year's pilgrimage to the shrine was cancelled because of the pandemic, with Cardinal Blase Cupich asking people to celebrate the Guadalupe at home.

**December 15, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** President-Elect Joe Biden makes an historic pick for Transportation Secretary. He's nominating Pete Buttigieg for the post. If confirmed, he would be the first openly LGBTQ Cabinet secretary.

**December 17, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** Mayor Lori Lightfoot called a news conference to make a series of stunning admissions and propose sweeping cultural changes within the Chicago Police Department. The announcement coming after CBS Chicago exposed dozens of wrong raids by Chicago police, targeting homes in brown and black neighborhoods.

## **CRIME**

**October 2, 2020 - (CBS News at 6:30am)** A man is in critical condition after he was hit by a car while trying to cross the street. Chicago Police say the driver took off after it happened here, near the intersection of Springfield and Chicago Avenues in Humboldt Park. Officers say the driver was in a silver Infiniti and kept going west on Chicago Avenue after hitting the man.

**October 13, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** The judge in the Jerry Harris case says a key decision will come soon. She will rule on whether Harris is still a danger on home confinement.

**October 15, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** Bombshell allegations against Chicago's former police Superintendent have been revealed. An officer claims she was sexually assaulted by Eddie Johnson for years. Officer Cynthia Donald, was the former Superintendent's driver. She says for three-years, she felt trapped by Johnson, afraid to report the abuse.

**October 28, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** The man who killed a Chicago police Commander will spend the rest of his life in prison. Today, a judge sentenced Shomari Legghette for the shooting death of Commander Paul Bauer.

**October 29, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** A driver blows through a red light and hits a car full of people, leading to a deadly ending in Chatham. Surveillance video shows the 35-year-old driver speeding through the red light and smashing into another car. That driver died. Three others were hurt. Police are investigating and plan to issue citations.

**November 9, 2020 - (CBS News at 6:30am)** All outbound lanes on the Eisenhower Expressway have reopened after a shooting investigation. Illinois State Police says the shooting happened just before four this morning. One person was hurt. They're expected to survive.

**November 12, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** Federal ATF agents are investigating a fire bombing at a car dealer's lot in the East Side neighborhood. Several devices were tossed into the lot around three this morning at 99th and South Avenue near the Skyway. Police say as many as eight cars were damaged. No one was hurt.

**November 20, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** The Illinois teen charged with killing two protesters in Kenosha, Wisconsin is out of jail tonight. 17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse posted a 2-million-dollar cash bond. He faces felony charges for the shooting deaths of two people during a police brutality protest.

**November 30, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** 902 homicides and 2020 is not over! The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed this number. More than 800 victims died from gunshot wounds.

**December 7, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** Another carjacking attempt puts a driver in the hospital. He was shot, trying to fight the carjacker off at a South Shore gas station. The suspect jumped in the man's car, the two started fighting and the driver was shot in the back. The carjacker ran off and is still on the loose.

**December 8, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** A retired Chicago Fire Lieutenant was shot and killed in an attempted carjacking in the Morgan Park neighborhood. The shooting happened outside a popcorn store, when the victim was confronted by three men, one of whom was armed.

**December 10, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** A Lake County, Indiana officer is shot, serving a warrant in Gary, Indiana. The sheriff's deputy shot back at the suspect, killing him.

**December 15, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** Accusations of sexual assault are now coming to light. Two women are coming forward, saying they were inappropriately touched at a north side Massage Center.

**December 17, 2020 - (CBS News at 6:30am)** A man is found shot to death near Dubois Elementary School on the South Side. A shot spotter sent police near 133rd and South King Drive late last night. With help from a police helicopter, they found an unidentified man who was unresponsive. He had gunshot wounds to his face, back and leg. So far no one has been arrested.

## CONSUMER

**October 5, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** The Chicago tradition of a holiday meal at the Walnut Room at Macy's will continue with some changes. For the first time, you'll have to book reservations and provide a deposit. Tables will be socially distanced, and diners will have to wear a face covering when they are not eating or drinking.

**October 14, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** If you purchased flushable wipes during the pandemic's toilet paper shortage, check your stockpile. Kimberly-Clark is voluntarily recalling select packages of Cottonelle flushable wipes and Gentle Plus flushable wipes.

**October 20, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** Indoor dining is once again banned in four suburban counties. The order applies to restaurants and bars in Kane, DuPage, Will and Kankakee counties. The state is also limiting gatherings from 50 people to 25.

**October 29, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** Illinois is one of only a handful of states seeing a jump in jobless claims. More than 53,000 new claims were filed last week across the state.

**October 30, 2020 - (CBS News at 6am)** Pace Riding Company 2021 budget paints a dire picture of what happens when a transit service loses half of its ridership in a pandemic. During a virtual public hearing this morning -- riders will share what they think about its suggestion to slash 73 routes, possibly permanently.

**November 5, 2020 - (CBS News at 6am)** You've heard the phrase "biting off more than you can chew." That's not a figurative statement for this next story. A Chicago grandma says she sunk her teeth into some plastic while eating her dinner. The product? Frozen ravioli from Walmart. Be warned it is sold in several stores.



**November 11, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** If you get a text message promising a \$1,200 stimulus check, don't click on it. The IRS says it's a phishing scam to get your financial and personal information. The IRS never texts or e-mails taxpayers.

**November 16, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** A possible solution to remote learning. It's called 'data casting' and it's much cheaper than internet hotspots. Indiana is one of three states trying it out and it could change e-learning nationwide.

**November 18, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** The city today launched what's called: "Black Shop Friday." The website will serve as a guide to more than 500 black owned stores. The goal is to help smaller local businesses hurt by the pandemic.

**November 23, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** The federal government forces General Motors to issue a massive recall over potentially dangerous airbags. The feds say Takata airbags installed in the vehicles could explode and send shrapnel flying.

**December 8, 2020 - (CBS News at 6am)** She finally got a job after 10 months on unemployment and now she's getting letters saying she should have never gotten unemployment money in the first place. On top of that, the state claims she owes 30-thousand dollars! CBS Chicago reports this puzzling tale could be tied to yet another case of unemployment fraud.

**December 14, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am)** The wording may look a little bit different when you open your holiday cards this year. Words like "joy" and "love" are being swapped out for "health and safety". Card company Minted says quarantine-themed greetings are among the big sellers in 2020.

**December 17, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** Another jump in unemployment claims in Illinois. Last week more than 138,000 people filed for unemployment in the state. That's 30,000 more than the week before.

**December 30, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** A suburban family is out more than \$6,000 to a supposed contractor we've exposed again and again. We've learned the owner of the company keeps changing the name after scamming unsuspecting homeowners.

**December 31, 2020 - (CBS News at 10pm)** Thinking about renting a house for your New Year's Eve party? Think again. Airbnb is cracking down on parties. It's been a problem across the country with people booking vacation rentals for large gatherings. Airbnb is now restricting who can rent. If you don't have a 5-star rating you will not be able to book for one night on New Year's Eve.