

Community Issues and Responsive Programs

In an ongoing effort to serve the public interest, KFDM offers a variety of programming responsive to the viewing audience. There follows a listing of some of the significant programming treatment of those issues for December 2020. This list is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority of significance.

Newscast:

The Morning Show - Monday through Friday 5:00am - 7:00am
 News at Noon - Monday through Friday - 12:00pm - 12:30pm
 Live at 5 - Monday through Friday - 5:00pm - 5:30pm
 Channel 6 News - Monday through Friday - 6:00pm - 6:30pm
 6 News Tonight - Monday through Friday - 10:00 pm - 10:30 pm

CRIME	PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
BODY IN CAR TRUNK	KFDM NEWS @ 6	12/1/2020	6:00 PM	1:47	POLICE DISCOVER THE BODY OF A WOMAN IN THE TRUNK OF A VEHICLE
BODY IN CAR	MORNING SHOW	12/7/2020	4:30 AM	1:05	HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS ARE RELEASING THE AUTOPSY RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF BRIANA JOHNSON, THE WOMAN WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND IN THE TRUNK OF A CAR IN BEAUMONT JUST OVER A WEEK AGO.
KEVIN BYERLY SENTENCE	KFDM NEWS @ 6	12/11/2020	6:00 P.M.	0:36	A NEWTON COUNTY MAN IS BEGINNING A 50 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE THIS MORNING FOR KILLING A WOMAN AND THROWING HER BODY INTO THE SABINE RIVER.
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PA BODY FOUND	MORNING SHOW	12/21/2020	4:30 AM	0:28	PORT ARTHUR POLICE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE AFTER A BODY WAS FOUND ON THE SIDE OF A ROAD.
PA BODY	Live @ 5	12/21/2020	5:00 P.M.	0:26	PORT ARTHUR POLICE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE AFTER A BODY WAS FOUND ON THE SIDE OF A ROAD.
BMT MURDER SUSPECT WANTED	Live @ 5	12/22/2020	5:00 P.M.	0:33	POLICE IDENTIFY MURDER SUSPECT
JEFFCO VIOLENT CRIM INITIATIVE	MORNING SHOW	12/22/2020	5:00 AM	0:29	THE U-S ATTORNEY FOR OUR DISTRICT ANNOUNCED HIS OFFICE IS TAKING QUOTE: "AN AGGRESSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE APPROACH" TO PROSECUTING VIOLENT GUN CRIMES IN JEFFERSON COUNTY.
PA HOME INVASION	MORNING SHOW	12/28/2020	4:30 AM	1:01	PORT ARTHUR POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN APARENT HOME INVASION ROBBERY THAT ENDED WITH A HOMEOWNER SHOOTING AND KILLING ONE OF THE SUSPECTS.
PA HOME INVASION	KFDM NEWS TONIGHT	12/28/2020	10 P.M.	1:25	HOMEOWNER SHOOTS AND KILLS INTRUDER ATTEMPTING BURGLARY
POLITICS	PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
ELECTION BILLS	MORNING SHOW	12/2/2020	5:00 AM	3:19	MORE THAN 60 ELECTION RELATED BILLS HAVE BEEN FILED IN THE STATE HOUSE AND STATE SENATE WEEKS BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS.
EARLY VOTING PA RUNOFFS	Live @ 5	12/2/2020	5:00 P.M.	0:48	EARLY VOTING BEGINS IN TWO PORT ARTHUR CITY COUNCIL RUNOFF ELECTIONS
FORD PARK	MORNING SHOW	12/9/2020	5:00 AM	0:40	KEVIN JOHNSON WITH THE RENAISSANCE GROUP SAYS THEY'VE MADE A \$44,000 "EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT" WITH THE COUNTY FOR THE PURCHASE OF FORD PARK.
MASK MANDATE	MORNING SHOW	12/16/2020	6:00 AM	0:27	THE RISE IN CASES IS PROMPTING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY JUDGE TO RE-EMPHASIZE THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER THAT TEXANS WEAR MASKS.
PA ELECTION PREVIEW	KFDM News @ 6	12/18/2020	6:00 P.M.	1:33	PREVIEW OF NEXT DAY'S PORT ARTHUR CITY COUNCIL RUNOFF ELECTIONS
PA RUNOFF	MORNING SHOW	12/21/2020	4:30 AM	0:19	VOTERS IN PORT ARTHUR HAVE ELECTED TWO NEW CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AFTER SATURDAY CONCLUDED THEIR RUNOFF ELECTIONS.
BUSINESSES 50 PERCENT	KFDM News @ 6	12/22/2020	6:00 P.M.	1:38	COVID HOSPITALIZATION RATE TRIGGERS MANDATORY BUSINESS ROLLBACK TO 50 PERCENT CAPACITY
HAWLEY OBJECTING ELECTION	KFDM News Tonight	12/30/2020	10 P.M.	0:48	SENATOR HAWLEY ANNOUNCES HE WILL CHALLENGE COUNT OF ELECTORAL VOTES
TRUMP SIDES WITH DEMS	KFDM News @6	12/30/2020	6:00 P.M.	1:15	PRESIDENT TRUMP ANNOUNCES HE SUPPORTS DEMOCRAT EFFORT TO RAISE STIMULUS PAYMENTS TO \$2,000
HOLMES FRANK	MORNING SHOW	12/31/2020	4:30 AM	1:15	TWO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE OFFICIALLY TAKEN OFFICE IN PORT ARTHUR.

HEALTH	PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGEMENT
COVID KIDNEYS	MORNING SHOW	12/2/2020	6:00 AM	0:38	DOCTOR SYED REHMAN AT SOUTHEAST TEXAS NEPHROLOGY SAYS PATIENTS WITH SEVERE COVID INFECTIONS AND RENAL FAILURE HAVE A MUCH HIGHER DEATH RATE.
VACCINE LOCAL PLAN	Live @ 5	12/2/2020	5:00 P.M.	1:38	PLAN FOR LOCAL COVID VACCINE DISTRIBUTION ANNOUNCED
FREE COVID TESTING	MORNING SHOW	12/7/2020	4:30 AM	0:28	THE PORT ARTHUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE OFFERING FREE TESTING DECEMBER THROUGH 11TH FROM 8 A-M UNTIL 4 P-M AT THE BOB BOWERS CIVIC CENTER.
COVID IN MEN	KFDM News @ 6	12/10/2020	6:00 P.M.	1:22	STUDY SHOWS THAT MEN ARE MORE VULNERABLE TO COVID THAN ARE WOMEN
TEXAS VACCINE ROLLOUT	Live @ 5	12/14/2020	5:00 P.M.	1:56	STATE OF TEXAS BEGINS ROLLING OUT AND DISTRIBUTING VACCINE
SUMMER PLACE COVID	KFDM News Tonight	12/15/2020	10:00 P.M.	2:26	MAJOR COVID OUBREAK IN BEAUMONT NURSING HOME
SUMMER PLACE COVID	MORNING SHOW	12/16/2020	4:30 AM	3:59	NEARLY FORTY RESIDENTS AND A HANDFUL OF STAFF MEMBERS FROM A BEAUMONT NURSING HOME ARE POSITIVE FOR THE COVID-19 VIRUS.
VACCINE ARRIVAL	Live @ 5	12/17/2020	5:00 P.M.	1:12	FIRST DOSES OF COVIC VACCINE ARRIVE AT BAPTIST HOSPITAL
CHRISTUS COVID VACCINE	MORNING SHOW	12/18/2020	4:30 AM	0:28	SOME OF THE FIRST 'DOSES OF DEFENSE' AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC WERE ADMINISTERED THURSDAY TO A DOZEN FRONT LINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS AT CHRISTUS SAINT ELIZABETH HOSPITAL IN BEAUMONT.
LIFESHARE	MORNING SHOW	12/22/2020	6:00 AM	0:25	LIFESHARE IS PUTTING OUT AN URGENT REQUEST FOR BLOOD DONATIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.
COMMUNITY	PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGEMENT
JEFF CO COVID	MORNING SHOW	12/2/2020	5:00 AM	1:55	WITH COVID-19 CASE NUMBERS ON THE RISE, AND COVID PATIENTS FILLING UP I-C-U BEDS, JEFFERSON COUNTY BUSINESSES MAY HAVE TO SCALE BACK CAPACITY TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS.
COVID HOTEL	MORNING SHOW	12/3/2020	6:00 AM	1:31	THE BEAUMONT CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU IS TRYING TO COPE WITH THE DECLINE IN HOTEL OCCUPANCY THAT THE LOCAL ECONOMY RELIES UPON.
HOMELESS COVID	MORNING SHOW	12/4/2020	5:00 AM	3:40	ANGEL SAN JUAN REPORTS ON THE MEN AND WOMEN FACING INCREASED HOMELESSNESS AS A RESULT OF COVID-19.
TOYFEAST SHELTER	Live @ 5	12/9/2020	5:00 P.M.	1:32	LOCAL TOYFEAST HOLIDAY EVENT TO BENEFIT WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER
COUNTY MAIL DELIVERY	MORNING SHOW	12/10/2020	4:30 AM	3:01	A SOUTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY LOSING PATIENCE WITH THE U-S POSTAL SERVICE.
BISD ACADEMY	Live @ 5	12/11/2020	5:00 P.M.	1:16	LOCAL ACADEMY DONATES BICYCLES
ROCK THE RED KETTLE	Live @ 5	12/14/2020	5:00 P.M.	1:28	EFFORT TO BOOST AND SUPPORT THE SALVATION ARMY AMIDST PANDEMIC
FRENCH HS GRAD	KFDM News Tonight	12/15/2020	10:00 P.M.	2:01	LOCAL MAN GETS H.S. DIPLOMA 40 YEARS AFTER HIS CLASS GRADUATED
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	KFDM News Tonight	12/21/2020	10:00 P.M.	0:58	DESPITE PANDEMIC, BEAUMONT RESIDENTS DECORATE HOMES FOR CHRISTMAS
PAPD GIFT CARDS	MORNING SHOW	12/23/2020	5:00 AM	2:37	CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY TO SOUTHEAST TEXANS IN MID-AND-SOUTH JEFFERSON COUNTY THANKS TO A POPULAR PORT NECHES RESTAURANT.
EDUCATION	PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGEMENT
GLADDIE FOWLER	MORNING SHOW	12/7/2020	5:00 AM	0:30	GLADDIE FOWLER, WHO SERVED AS BOARD CHAIRPERSON OF THE SPINDLETOP CENTER FOR 12 YEARS AND SPENT 20 YEARS AS A BOARD MEMBER, HAS PASSED AWAY
SCHOOL VACCINES	Live @ 5	12/9/2020	5:00 P.M.	1:34	TEXAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MAKES VACCINES AVAILABLE TO STAFF
LAMAR GRADUATION SAFETY	KFDM News Tonight	12/10/2020	10:00 P.M.	1:14	LAMAR UNIVERSITY PREPARES TO HOLD A COVID SAFE GRADUATION CEREMONY
STAAR TESTING	Live @ 5	12/11/2020	5:00 P.M.	1:41	STATE SUSPENDS PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM FOR THIS YEAR
VIRTUAL FEEDING	MORNING SHOW	12/15/2020	4:30 AM	1:37	THE PORT ARTHUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IS TRYING TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF FEEDING MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS AFTER COVID-19 FORCED SOME OF ITS CAMPUSES TO CLOSE.

LSCPA	MORNING SHOW	12/22/2020	4:30 AM	0:20	LAMAR STATE COLLEGE PORT ARTHUR WILL RECEIVE A 300-THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT TO HELP PAY STUDENT TUITION FEES WHO WEREN'T ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL IN THE FALL BECAUSE OF COVID-19.
JASPER TEACHER DEATH	Live @ 5	12/22/2020	5:00 P.M.	1:16	BELOVED JASPER TEACHER DIES OF COVID-19
JASPER TEACHER DEATH	MORNING SHOW	12/23/2020	5:00 AM	0:29	A LONGTIME JASPER TEACHER HAS DIED AFTER A THREE WEEK BATTLE WITH THE CORONAVIRUS.
HJISD IN PERSON	KFDM News @ 6	12/24/2020	6:00 P.M.	1:42	PARENTS OBJECT TO RETURN TO ON CAMPUS INSTRUCTION FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS. FATHER REACTS
RDR HJISD	MORNING SHOW	12/24/2020	5:00 AM	0:39	THE HARDIN-JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT SAYS IT IS DISCONTINUING REMOTE LEARNING BEGINNING JANUARY 5TH.