

Quarterly Issues and Program List

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Pursuant to the disclosure requirements in 47 C. F. R. 73.3526(11)(i), and during the quarter referenced above, this station provided information to its viewers regarding the following significant issues, including:

Education	Consumer Issues	Religion	Government (National)
Government (Local)	Children/Youth	Economy	Technology
Politics	Housing	National Security	Environment
Health/Healthcare	Transportation	Minority Issues	Cultural
Crime/Law Enforcement	Community	Women's Issues	Elderly
Business	Employment	Immigration	Business/Industry
Legal Matters (e.g. court decisions)			

Regular Local Programming:

News 11 at 6am	Monday – Friday	6:00am – 7:00am
News 11 at Noon • Noon News Repeat of KTVI News at 11am	Monday – Friday	12:00pm – 01:00pm
News 11 at 4pm	Monday – Friday	04:00pm – 05:00pm
News 11 at 7pm	Monday – Sunday	07:00pm – 08:00pm

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Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
11.1	Women's Issues	7pm	10/1	1:23	KPLR News at 7	Pregnancy loss is a topic that is often not talked about; however, Chrissy Teigen broke that mold by posting about her pregnancy loss to her 32 million Instagram followers. A non-profit called "Share" in St. Charles, supports women and families who are dealing with infant loss by talking about the options on how to deliver the unborn baby, how to speak to your other children about it and connecting moms with other women in the same situation. October is pregnancy and infant loss awareness month; Share will be hosting an event and walk on October 17.
11.1	Education	12pm	10/2	1:41	KTVI Midday News	Kirkwood teachers of color wanted to come up with a way to help further the education of students of color past high school. They came up with "The Glory Run/Walk Virtual Marathon" fundraiser. This will be a scholarship that will be given out to one student each year. It is only 30 dollars to register and each participant will have the entire month of October to complete 26.2 miles on their feet or 100 miles on a bike.

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11.1	Minority Issues	7pm	10/3	1:54	KPLR Weekend News	Howard E. Fields III discusses black male educators and the challenges they face both in the classroom as well as growing up in the classroom as a student. He also talks about his book "Voices" and those in St. Louis who are being mentors to young youth who are strong in the classroom.
11.1	Environmental	7pm	10/4	1:02	KPLR Weekend News	With a frost advisory in the forecast, Bayer's Garden in South St. Louis is busy with customers buying plants for their garden and picking out the perfect pumpkins for fall. Protecting those sensitive plants can mean bringing them inside for the evening, making sure they are hydrated and covering the blooming flowers to prevent them from being damaged.
11.1	Elderly	7pm	10/5	1:26	KPLR News at 7	73-year-old Glenda Simmons of University City was killed inside a Starbucks Saturday morning after a car driven by a 78-year-old man drove right into the building. Police say it is unclear how the driver lost control. Glenda was the mother of two adult sons, never knew a stranger and would come to this Starbucks every now and then.
11.1	Cultural	4pm	10/6	1:32	KPLR News at 4	Joel Magee, the toy scout, will be eyeballing old toys of the past through Wednesday at the Courtyard by Marriott in Creve Coeur. He is in the midst of a four-city tour across the country looking to find collectables that you might still have sitting in your parent's basement or attic. Magee has been featured on the show Pawn Stars and is looking to purchase our items so that they are kept out of landfills and into the hands of someone looking for new memories of a childhood toy.

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11.1	Government (local)	4pm	10/7	1:10	KPLR News at 4	Illinoisans will be asked to keep the states income tax system at a flat tax of 4.95% or change it to graduated tax, where higher incomes would pay more than those with lower incomes. Governor J.B. Pritzker has been pushing hard to get this amendment passed. He says people who opposed to the fair tax want the burden put on people who cannot afford it, but he wants to put the burden on people who can most afford it.
11.1	Business	7pm	10/8	1:18	KPLR News at 7	The longtime famous restaurant and bar Fast Eddie's in Alton, Illinois was visited by local police after complaints of the restaurant not following covid-19 restrictions. The manager was given a time frame to get into compliance and when the officers returned an hour later, the issued a dispersal order. Mixed opinions from customers were given and management at Fast Eddie's have not returned phone calls to Fox 2. It is common that other restaurant owners would rather pay the fines issued than close their doors and loose more money.
11.1	Politics	7pm	10/9	1:44	KPLR News at 7	Governor Mike Parson, State Auditor Nicole Galloway, Jerome Bauer and Rik Combs shared the debate stage to discuss a variety of Missouri topics. Candidates were asked to discuss tax increases, police and social justice, violent crime and the coronavirus. Governor Parson was asked how he has handled the crisis.

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11.1	Business / Industry	7pm	10/10	1:47	KPLR Weekend News	Halloween at Union Station will feature a family friendly haunted house, pumpkin patch and a train walk thru; costumes are encouraged. Owner of Jonnie Brock's Dungeon agrees that Halloween is far from cancelled and prices of costumes are going up, similarly to in 2001, sadly. He said he did not anticipate it, but he thinks parents just want their kids to have fun. Home décor sales are showing an increase as well and people are having smaller house parties rather than fewer, larger parties.
11.1	Housing	7pm	10/11	1:51	KPLR Weekend News	A DeSoto house fire leaves four dead and two injured. This happened at 547 Vineland School Drive Sunday morning when a four-alarm fire had firefighters and other law enforcement from multiple counties on the scene. We later learned that the inside staircase had collapsed preventing four adults from escaping, the two adults who survived, jumped out a window and a pet was also killed in the fire. The cause of the fire is still being investigated and, looking at the home, the American Flag in the front yard remains unharmed.
11.1	Consumer Issues	7pm	10/12	1:00	KPLR News at 7	The 9-1-1 dispatching in St. Charles County service was down for nearly three hours for all departments, county-wide. A county spokeswoman says work had begun to re-route the calls through St. Louis County as the backup plan, but the issues were resolved before that had to happen. Investigators are still trying to figure out what caused this issue to the more than 400,000 residents in the county.

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11.1	Women's Issues	7pm	10/13	1:19	KPLR News at 7	39-year-old Ryan Williams of Wentzville is charged with one count of felony sexual abuse and one count of misdemeanor invasion of privacy after calling an adult female to come back to the doctor's office for an "extra" CT scan. Williams works at the Mercy Hospital in Troy in the Urgent Care wing when the woman came in that day for a scheduled x-ray. When he called her to come back, he said the doctor was ordering another test and that she needed to come back. He then assaulted her during her appointment. Williams is no longer employed with Mercy and the case is under investigation.
11.1	Children / Youth	4pm	10/14	1:28	KPLR News at 4	Teen, Jade Westerbrooks, is currently going through a bone marrow transplant. She lives in mid-Missouri but must be near St. Louis Children's Hospital in case of an emergency. Her and her mom are staying in an RV Lot near the hospital in a renovated bus named Bob Ross. After her doctor's approval, soon, she will be going to Florida to see the beach for the first time and she will convert Bob Ross the bus back into a camper for the trip to Florida.
11.1	Community	4pm	10/15	1:52	KPLR News at 4	This Saturday, The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis is bringing two events to the city. Clean Sweep is at the Friendly Temple Church, where volunteers will clean their way down Dr. Martin Luther King Drive. There will also be a food giveaway. Screen Sweep will be at the Urban League Headquarters offering free mammograms, 500 free blood pressure kits and free basic health screenings for the community.

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11.1	Health / Healthcare	12pm	10/16	1:36	KPLR News at Noon	The arrival of the Covid-19 vaccine is believed to be here in December according to Dr. Alex Garza. He says it will be given out in three stages and it will be distributed throughout 2021. The first group to receive it will be residents and risk, the elderly and those with medical conditions and health care workers. Moderna and Pfizer are two of the leading candidates and the vaccine must be approved by the CDC.
11.1	Health / Healthcare	7pm	10/17	1:36	KPLR Weekend News	The St. Louis Blues is at The Enterprise Center where folks are lining up to get their free flu shots through Barnes Jewish Hospital. Long lines meaning that the community cares, 5,000 shots are planned to be distributed with extra space for social distancing and extra bathrooms for hand washing. Health officials say flu patients in addition to COVID-19 patients in hospitals could overwhelm the hospital system so they are trying to do what they can. The same event will happen next weekend in Florissant and North St. Louis.
11.1	Business / Industry	7pm	10/18	1:21	KPLR Weekend News	The N Bliss stores located in Ellisville and Manchester have approved 65-thousand patients and another 12,000 awaiting approval. After the amendment was passed nearly two years ago, the sale of medical marijuana is available to those with a valid Missouri medical marijuana ID card. Patients are happy to be able to get the medicine they have needed for so long. Dozens of patients lined up outside of the dispensary in Manchester, the law allows qualified individuals to purchase up to four ounces per month.

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11.1	Crime / Law Enforcement	4pm	10/19	1:19	KPLR News at 4	Last night a 20-year-old male motorist was under the influence of drugs crashed his SUV into a Total Access Urgent Care killing 25-year-old Marissa Politte. She has worked at TAUC for the last two years as a radiologic technologist at the Ballwin location and was just leaving work when she was struck and killed. The motorist was charged with involuntary manslaughter, inhalants and tampering evidence.
11.1	Economy	4pm	10/20	1:13	KPLR News at 4	Authorities say the covid-19 positivity rates are up in Illinois and Governor J.B. Pritzker says he plans to tighten restrictions in Southern Illinois. Restaurant owners are still celebrating the lifted restrictions that happened earlier and they are now in stage 4 in Madison County. However, the county is concerned as cases are inching up and that restrictions may go back up.
11.1	Government (local)	7pm	10/21	1:21	KPLR News at 7	The St. Louis County Council has passed two bills recently for force County Executive Sam Page to explain his decisions and giving the council authority to extend any and all public health orders, however Page claims the council has other plans. The bills before the council are to eliminate public heath restrictions and they do nothing to help protect the health and welfare of people in St. Louis County. The bill has never been about undoing any mandates or changing the parameters, it is about understanding that there are other branches of government that need to be included before a decision is made.

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11.1	Politics	7pm	10/22	1:10	KPLR News at 7	The Election Board Headquarters in North County has been open for voting for the past month. Other satellite locations in Chesterfield and South County, opened today and all have consistently had lines of 100-150 people in them. A county election official told FOX 2 that the number of people voting early absentee has already more than doubled the number of all the 2016 election. The final presidential debate is tonight, and clearly many people have already made up their mind of who they're voting for.
11.1	Business	7am	10/23	2:14	KPLR News at 7	The Hrubes Family are a bit chilly at the Theis Farm in Maryland Heights this afternoon. Father Matt Hrubes says it would've been nicer yesterday, but they are making the best of the colder day today. GM Andrew Welle says the temperature drop was a rude awakening for customers because this weekend is normally busy. He thinks they will have some cancellations and no-shows unfortunately.
11.1	Health / Healthcare	7pm	10/24	1:59	KPLR Weekend News	It is National Drug Take Back Day and the St. Louis County Police Department is teaming up with the Drug Enforcement Administration to take back any unused or unwanted prescription medications. Looking at the opioid crisis that has affected everyone in the metro area, new number came out showing that recent overdose deaths have increased almost 50% year-over-year, and the covid crisis, has led to people utilizing these types of drugs.

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11.1	Religion	7pm	10/25	1:26	KPLR Weekend News	Pope Francis said he would elevate Archbishop Wilton Gregory, of Bellville, IL, to Cardinal next month, making him the first African American to hold the title. Many are expressing their congratulations to Gregory, the ceremony to induct him is set for November 28 th at the Vatican, but information on how it will be conducted has not been provided yet.
11.1	Business	7pm	10/26	1:54	KPLR News at 7	One Cardinal Way has some of the best views in town. Inside, TV's a coffee bar, indoor and outdoor bar services, and a gym. Cardinals President, Bill Dewitt III, says he believes the building now has full potential to work from home, while still having a view of home plate. He also says he would love to see a residential building added in the future.
11.1	Education	4pm	10/27	1:18	KPLR News at 4	Some middle school students in the Parkway School District returned to the classroom today and those who previously choose to learn remotely will continue to do so. Safety measures were taken, and the districts goal is to provide at least part time instruction in person to those families who have chosen in-person learning. High school students will continue distance learning until sometime in the second quarter.
11.1	Legal Matters	7pm	10/28	2:16	KPLR News at 7	The McCloskey's attorney Joel Schwartz argued to a judge that "there is no place for a political trial" and filed a motion in July to disqualify Kim Gardner from their case. Four months ago, they were photographed confronting protestors outside their home with guns. They also pled not guilty for the charges made of unlawful use of weapons and tampering with physical evidence.

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11.1	Health / Healthcare	7pm	10/29	1:03	KPLR News at 7	Authorities are considering this a wake-up call. This week we have hit the record high of having more than 500 conformed or suspected covid-19 patients in hospitals across the region, a number we haven't seen since March 13. Numbers are being watched very closely because the city is not ready to draft new orders and restrictions, but it is possible. County Executive Sam Page says we know what we need to do, we need to comply with social distancing, wear masks and avoid crowds especially indoors.
11.1	Consumer Issues	4pm	10/30	3:32	KPLR News at 4	The holiday season is approaching but may look a little different this year regarding how much consumers will purchase for their loved ones. Some say they will choose curbside and delivery rather than physically shopping in stores and others are comfortable with the procedures that are being followed and will continue as normal.
11.1	Children / Youth	7pm	10/31	1:27	KPLR Weekend News	The CDC always has a few ideas on how to keep you and your family safe on this Halloween weekend including wearing a mask, washing hands and disinfect surfaces. If you trick-or-treat, keep a safe social distance, and if you choose to stay in, carve pumpkins, have a scavenger hunt, a virtual costume contest or have a bonfire with your family.
11.1	Business	7pm	11/1	1:49	KPLR Weekend News	Eastown Donuts was very busy celebrating their first anniversary, their first birthday, after opening their shop three months before the pandemic started. After covid hit they had to close their doors for two weeks, but the people kept coming to their donut shop, located in the shopping center at 1101 Caseyville Road. Customers even waited outside for the dozens of donuts sold. Owners say lots of hard work in the early hours of the morning makes these treats ready for purchase.

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11.1	Environmental	7pm	11/2	1:55	KPLR News at 7	A week of temperatures in November in the 70s is hard to believe, however these warm temperatures are great for holiday lighting companies to get some work done. Joshua Paske, owner of Paske Holiday Lighting, says the weather is amazing and they are slammed this time of year, his company is thankful for the warm weather. One reason of the warm weather is from the Urban heat Island Effect. Metro areas tend to be warmer than their suburbs.
11.1	Politics	4pm	11/3	1:26	KPLR News at 4	Fox 2 is live in Springfield where Governor Mike Parson and his team are hosting a watch party as he hopes to be re-elected later tonight. Parson laid low today, spending time with family and friends. His team says they are confident they will be celebrating a Parson victory tonight and will continue to work on what Parsons team says has Missouri moving in the right direction.
11.1	Environmental	7pm	11/4	1:33	KPLR News at 7	After the first hard freeze of the season, most of the pollen has been killed but a few issues lingering around may still have you sneezing. Your year-round allergies like cats, dogs and dust mites will continue to bug you throughout the winter and there are a few things you can do to prevent those. Other things like perfumes, drastic swings and temperatures can also give you those classic allergy symptoms like watery eyes, runny nose and sneezing.

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11.1	Religion	7pm	11/5	1:30	KPLR News at 7	Moving part of the Vatican to the Midwest, you can see the Sistine Chapel in Downtown St. Louis at the America's Center Ballroom. Martin Biallas, CEO Special Entertainment Events with See Global Entertainment, says Michelangelo didn't want anyone to see this before it was done. This art was created in 1505 and are around eight or nine feet tall. Modern technology has been brought in so you can have a socially distanced afternoon enjoying the artwork.
11.1	Education	7pm	11/6	1:17	KPLR News at 7	The Parkway School District Superintendent as a large spike in COVID-19 cases is preventing the district from moving forward with plans to allow younger students to return to in-person learning five days a week. For parents who oppose the decision, a Facebook page has been started called 'Parkway Parents For In-Person Learning' and are encouraging people to contact the superintendent and school board members to tell them to return to full time in person learning. There are multiple opinions from both sides of parents and the district is asking for patience as they monitor the numbers daily.
11.1	Community	7pm	11/7	1:18	KPLR Weekend News	A free food drive from the NAACP distributed more than 500 boxes of food to residents during the pandemic. Organizations say it has been a real struggle for some families, so this food drive has been extremely helpful. Other food giveaways will be held for the next two Saturdays in November starting at 9:30 at the Omega Center in North St. Louis.

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11.1	Health / Healthcare	7pm	11/8	1:27	KPLR Weekend News	Health Officials say there are several reasons for concern of not having enough beds at St. Louis area hospitals. Dr. Garza says the regions are at 90% capacity and some ICU's are already over capacity. He also says it's really up to the community on how this goes forward. On Saturday, the task force reported a record high in cases and those numbers paint the grimmest picture our region has seen in the eight months we've been dealing with the pandemic.
11.1	Children / Youth	7pm	11/9	1:11	KPLR Evening News	A Halloween party hosted by a student from Desmet Jesuit High School has produced multiple positive cases of covid-19. Sam Page talked about this party at his morning presser, where he says a student says there was around 200 people at the party, there was no guest list, it just traveled by word of mouth. The students who attended the non-school-sanctioned party, have been quarantined and staff says they are extremely disappointed in the students who attended. The varsity football team was not affected.
11.1	Cultural	7pm	11/10	1:37	KPLR Evening News	Right across the river from the Gateway Arch, you'll find a series of mounds that tell the history of the world and the St. Louis region called The Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. This is the first year of their annual celebration of Native American Culture and Hand-Crafted Items, and it's being held virtually. It will run after Thanksgiving for three days, and you can see live interviews through Zoom.

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11.1	Education	4pm	11/11	1:18	KPLR News at 7	The Rockwood School District says as high schoolers plan to return to in-person learning, just days after middle schoolers did the same, they may have to return to virtual learning. The districts nurses have been working on contact tracing to identify positive cases and quarantine individuals who may have had close contact on campus. However, while quarantining has been useful, it is now creating staffing issues. A final decision for the district has not yet been made.
11.1	Government (local)	7pm	11/12	1:36	KPLR News at 7	This morning, Governor Parson and the state's health departments made changes to the quarantining rules in K-12 education settings. This includes relaxing the quarantine guidelines if you are exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
11.1	Health / Healthcare	4pm	11/13	1:48	KPLR News at 4	A desperate message from Dr. Alex Garza and the St. Louis Metropolitan Pandemic Task Force that if we stay on the path that we are on right now, hospitals will not have enough staff to take care of patients. They are requesting that Governor Mike Parson takes action to require a state-wide mask mandate and a "safer at home policy". County Executive Sam Page's new county restrictions will start on Tuesday. Dr. Alex Garza says he's not a dramatic guy, but this scares him.
11.1	Business	7pm	11/14	1:20	KPLR Weekend News	Schnucks stores in the St. Louis area are making changes indoors for their shoppers. To prepare for Thanksgiving shopping, sanitization continues, and products are stocked. Dierbergs is asking to only send one shopper per household and face coverings are required in both stores. Schnucks report a high demand for turkeys this year, even with covid concerns. Limits on toilet paper and paper towels remain, but "panic buying" is not being seen.

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11.1	Health / Healthcare	7pm	11/15	1:09	KPLR Weekend News	Health officials at BJC hospitals say some elective surgeries that can be safely postponed will be until the pandemic numbers are more under control. This policy will go into effect on Monday to ensure the proper amount if staff is needed to continue to provide excellent care.
11.1	Business / Industry	7pm	11/16	1:25	KPLR News at 7	The owners of six restaurants are choosing social media over courtrooms using hashtags as a movement to keep St. Louis County restaurants open. When the second indoor ban was announced on Friday, owners across the county gathered to push back the shutdown for the sake of their business and staff. One restaurant owner says he thinks it's safer to eat at a restaurant than it is going to the grocery store.
11.1	Health / Healthcare	6am	11/16	1:27	KPLR News at 6am	Health officials at Barnes Jewish Hospital say the rising number of covid cases causes elective procedures to be delayed. They will be postponed for eight weeks to leave beds open for covid-19 patients and to insure they have the staff needed to deliver excellent care.
11.1	Health / Healthcare	4pm	11/17	2:10	KPLR News at 4	St. Louis residents, Lakeitha and Gerald Adory are both nursing home nurses and parents to two young children. After they all contracted covid-19 in early September, Lakeitha's mother, who lives with them, woke up one day showing symptoms. She needed hospitalization and later so did Gerald, both in critical condition. Later, Gerald ended up on a ventilator, in a coma for over a month. He later was transferred to begin ventilator weening and after much improvement, the hospital called saying their insurance was no longer going to cover Gerald's rehab. It is still up in the air as to what the family is going to do next.

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11.1	Health / Healthcare	4pm	11/18	3:31	KPLR News at 4	The covid convalescent plasma or CCP is the plasma that can be used in many cases to keep patients from getting worse and ending up in the ICU. The chief medical officer at SSM Health St. Louis University Hospital says the problem is the growing number of hospital admissions. St. Louis received some plasma from the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, and it is at a constant circle of bringing donors in, collecting the products, getting it ready and sending it straight back out the door for patients. Officials say the sooner sick patients can receive the plasma, the better for the healing process.
11.1	Consumer Issues	7pm	11/19	2:52	KPLR News at 7	The pandemic and upcoming holiday season make the perfect time for scammers to take advantage of customers. Ameren Missouri Corporate Security Supervisor Maria Gomez says to not let the scammers fool you. They often sound perfectly over the phone or record a voice message to use it to trick customers into thinking they've called Ameren. If you suspect someone is impersonating an Ameren employee, end the conversation and call Ameren to report it.
11.1	Health / Healthcare	4pm	11/20	2:18	KPLR News at 4	Dr. Alex Garza leading the St. Louis Metropolitan Pandemic Task Force says he's not trying to make this into a political argument, he's just trying to save lives. He says within a week or two, if current conditions don't change, the hospitals will be forced to use the crisis standards of care, meaning hospitals will have to start making decisions on who they are able to treat and who they will have to turn away. He's asking residents to stay at home except for essential travel and no social gatherings. He's saying St. Louis is out of resources.

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11.1	Women's Issues	7pm	11/21	1:54	KPLR Weekend News	As covid cases in the region arise, pregnant women are more at risk for contracting the virus. Dr. Mati Hlatshwayo Davis says pregnant women need to take extra precautions as far as mask wearing, social distancing and not attending spaces where large groups of people are present. It is unknown if pregnant women who contract the virus can pass it to their unborn baby or during delivery. As always, women need to continue to have checkups with their doctor. She also talks about her own experience being pregnant during the pandemic.
11.1	Community	7pm	11/22	1:12	KPLR Weekend News	Former NFL Star Demetrious Johnson started 29 years ago with only 10 turkeys and now they're up to 3,000 even despite covid-19. He's going door to door at the Clinton-Peabody Apartments where he grew up, hanging out turkey's and all the fixings.
11.1	Health / Healthcare	11am	11/23	1:18	KTVI Midday News	Progress West Hospital ICU nurse, Holly Ripley says they've run out of beds and people are lined up outside the ER waiting for a bed to open. She says patients are coming in in worse cases than it was with covid in the spring. She says this is because people are waiting too long to come in, and then when they do, they have a million other things going on with them as well.

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11.1	Community	4pm	11/24	1:40	KPLR News at 4	The St. Louis Area Food Bank is hosting its annual Thanksgiving Together food distributions although many will not get together with their families this year. Volunteers are making it possible by helping at the drive-thru events across Missouri and Illinois. 3.1 million meals per month were distributed before the pandemic and now that number is up to over 5 million. Ameren is matching all donations starting Thanksgiving Day and running through December 6 th for up to \$100,000.
11.1	Community	7pm	11/25	1:21	KPLR News at 7	In the time of a pandemic many families are forced to have to make the decision of feeding themselves or their pets, often they will give their pet to Stray Rescue because they simply can't afford to feed it. Blue Buffalo is stepping up to donate 40 thousand pounds of dog food to the rescue. In March, the rescue launched a pet food pantry, feeding pets in homes that are in need. Just like they are giving back to the community, reach out to them if you would like to do the same.
11.1	Legal Matters	6am	11/26	1:29	KPLR News at 6am	Many Jefferson County residents are against the mask mandate, some gathered outside the Health Department holding signs to let their feelings be known. Approval came after the board said yes to a mandate in August only to rescind it before it went into effect. Both residents and members of the Health Board stated their opinions.

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11.1	Business /Industry	7pm	11/28	1:34	KPLR Weekend News	Small Business Saturday means some folks are already getting ahead on their holiday shopping, especially at the City Foundry where they are doing a special winter market this year. Twenty-five plus small local businesses are gathering next Saturday to allow shoppers to feel safe in shopping during a pandemic. In addition, the Central West End is doing the same while also offering sales and discounts.
11.1	Transportation	7pm	11/29	1:18	KPLR Weekend News	Though there were fewer travelers this holiday weekend, authorities are saying this has been the busiest week for travel since the pandemic began. Some airlines are leaving the middle seat open to allow for social distancing and St. Louis Lambert Airport says they will continue to keep the airport clean.
11.1	Crime / Law Enforcement	7pm	11/30	1:51	KPLR News at 7	Around 1am Thanksgiving morning Amethyst Killian left her home to walk to QuickTrip right up the road from her house and never returned. Mother of two and pregnant with her third child, her body was found not far from her home. A cause of death has not been released as this is an ongoing investigation.
11.1	Business	7pm	12/1	1:52	KPLR News at 7	The box office at the Enterprise Center is open through Saturday from 11am-2pm for fans to get refunds on their in-person tickets. Ticketholders were upset that the event they purchased tickets for got cancelled, but happy to be getting their refund just in time for the holidays.

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11.1	Employment	4pm	12/2	1:32	KPLR News at 4	As many parents are taking over the role of part time teachers during the pandemic, the Fox C-6 School District is asking if parents would consider substitute teaching. Seckman High School Principal, Jeff Krutzsch, says a sub shortage is rippling through the state. Typically, to qualify, you must have 60 hours of college credit and pass a background check, however the state has relaxed that college credit requirement and the background check can be paid for by the district.
11.1	Business	7pm	12/2	1:19	KPLR News at 7	A St. Louis County Health Inspector was here at the Acapulco Mexican Restaurant on Rock Road last night but left the scene after seeing the FOX 2 camera. Another inspector came in later with a clipboard handing over a report stating, “no violations”. However, four other St. Louis County restaurants were shut down yesterday for violating the order by continuing indoor dining. Two of those restaurants plan to fight the closures but were closed today. There is no word of any new legal actions filed yet.
11.1	Transportation	7pm	12/3	1:46	KPLR News at 7	Though most road work is done for the year, MoDot continues their projects throughout the winter. There are fewer work zones but will be more guard rail work. An increase in crashes are seen throughout the winter as well, more dark and slippery conditions because of ice or snow, the guard rails and guard rail cables often need to be repaired quickly. This winter make sure you’re driving safe with seatbelts and no cell phones.

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11.1	Crime / Law Enforcement	7pm	12/4	1:20	KPLR News at 7	Suspect Calvin Pittman has now been charged with the murder of Kristen Whitted who was killed while driving to meet her friend for lunch on I70 earlier this week. He is jailed on a 500-thousand-dollar cash bond and the investigation continues however the Major Case Squad's work is done and the rest will be solved by the Police Department.
11.1	Business	7pm	12/5	1:22	KPLR Weekend News	Dustin Row works for an event company that produces concerts and events like Taste of St. Louis and Pedal the Cause. After the pandemic has cancelled many of these events, Row created Frosted Flix Fest. For \$100, up to six people get a fire pit, and a 20x10 foot place which is 12 feet apart from the next group. Also included is a holiday photo, hot chocolate, and kits to roast hot dogs and smores. Tonight, the film is Christmas Vacation. This is all taking place in Columbia, Illinois.
11.1	Health / Healthcare	7pm	12/7	1:48	KPLR News at 7	Missouri is closer to having the vaccine in hand than having more healthcare workers in hospitals. Vizient coming to Missouri is less than a week old, however paperwork is the reason why extra staff hasn't arrived yet. The state will fund the first phase using CARES Act funding -- around 17 million dollars. Hospitals who use the Vizient service will pay for it themselves. The Department of Health and Senior Services says we can expect more staff in nearby hospitals by the end of the year.

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11.1	Community	4pm	12/8	1:43	KPLR News at 4	Volunteers are putting final touches on care packages for the community at the St. Clair County East St. Louis Community Center. Providing food, toys and pet supplies, parents who applied with the Salvation Army for assistance will pick up their items tonight. Anyone who asked for assistance will be helped and almost 700 families will be helped over the next four days.
11.1	Environmental	7pm	12/9	1:47	KPLR News at 7	A day that feels more like Spring than Winter, FOX 2 found a group of recent Whitfield School graduates that meet every week to get outside and enjoy each other's company. They get together to make up for the school year that was lost due to the pandemic. Some say it is just nice to be active and get a little exercise. So, the warm weather makes it nice. Lookout for the Northern Lights and ahead at the Arora forecast. You can see them once you let your eyes adjust to the dark in a clear and dark sky.
11.1	Housing	4pm	12/10	1:17	KPLR News at 4	St. Louis Fire Department rushed to the fire on the 4100 Block of Nebraska around 7 this morning. It was confirmed that two space heaters connected to an extension cord is what started the fire. Linniece Anderson says her boyfriend Antonio Bass tried to put the fire out but her instinct said to grab her five children and get out of the house. The window blew out, smoke came from the roof and glass everywhere. They are now going to stay at Antonio's sisters house but are in desperate need of help and asking for any assistance.

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11.1	Business	7pm	12/11	1:19	KPLR News at 7	Dispensaries are opening despite the pandemic; coronavirus cases are rising in Lincoln County and a mask mandate was enforced earlier this week. A local dispensary in Troy says medical marijuana is beneficial in many ways, autism, multiple myeloma, and back pain. The store owner says cannabis is a magical plant and close to 200 people have shared personal stories of life-changing benefits which are enough to keep the push on the four locations open across Missouri.
11.1	Elderly	7pm	12/12	2:07	KPLR Weekend News	A Spokesperson for the Missouri Department and Senior Services tells me more than 51 thousand doses of the Pfizer Vaccine should be at multiple sites around Missouri by next Wednesday, and doses could start the same day. Healthcare workers and residents in long term care facilities will be among the first to receive the vaccine. Even with the vaccine coming, masks and social distancing will still be enforced. Patients should talk with their doctor before receiving the vaccine and Missouri should have enough does to vaccine two million people by the end of February. The state of Missouri will not mandate the vaccine.
11.1	Community	7pm	12/13	1:29	KPLR Weekend News	The Backstoppers fundraiser, now called the St. Louis Metro Boxing Showdown, raises funds for families of fallen first responders. It was cancelled this year due to the pandemic and they hope to reschedule for next year. It impacts them greatly as it is a third to half of their annual budget. The Executive Director for Backstoppers tells FOX 2 that the need for support has increased in recent years.

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11.1	Elderly	7pm	12/14	1:01	KPLR News at 7	If you remember, the Frontier Health and Rehab Home in Ballwin, they had a covid-19 outbreak earlier in the pandemic. Now that the vaccine has arrived, authorities say the vaccine will be given to residents and workers in long-term-care facilities about a week from today. Missouri officials say nursing home residents and workers will get the Moderna vaccine, not the Pfizer version because of the refrigeration requirements.
11.1	Health / Healthcare	7pm	12/15	3:52	KPLR News at 7	Tuesday afternoon BJC received 9,750 doses of the Pfizer covid-19 vaccine. Vaccines will begin on Thursday with the oldest employees receiving it first. Mitch Tiller, assistant nurse manager at Barnes, says after watching people suffer through this virus, he is most excited that the vaccine signals milder symptoms. It's likely that after Thursday, everyone will remember exactly where they were when the first employee receives their vaccination. It will be a memorable day for both employees and the community.
11.1	Education	4pm	12/16	3:19	KPLR News at 4	Parents rally outside of the FOX-6 School District's board meeting to support Dr. Patel to get their kids back in school. Students are either hybrid or all virtual right now and some want to be back in school full time. They want to positively express their message in support of Dr. Patel as they feel she has done an excellent job.

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11.1	Government (local)	4pm	12/17	2:21	KPLR News at 4	Missouri State Representative Wiley Price the Fourth is currently on his second term at the Capitol and a report has recently been released saying he had sex with an intern and tried to cover up the relationship. He is accused of engaging in a sexual relationship and the House Administration Staff was informed about it on January 27. Although the report says the intern was not working for Price, the intern says Price began threatening and harassing her for reporting the relationship. The investigation is costing nearly 23 thousand dollars and Price was asked to resign by 1pm today but failed to meet the deadline.
11.1	Transportation	4pm	12/18	1:01	KPLR News at 4	74-year-old, Elizabeth James of Jennings was trying to cross Halls Ferry at Cozens around 7:30 last night when a 20-year-old male driver struck her. He stopped to check on her, she was rushed to a hospital but died. Police say the driver was not at fault for this accident however, James was crossing the intersection diagonally, not within the crosswalk, in the dark and against the signal. The driver had the right of way.
11.1	Business	7pm	12/19	1:48	KPLR Weekend News	Hofbrauhaus in Belleville, Illinois is approved for indoor dining once again. During our visit in November, FOX 2 found the Health Department appeared to be wrong about one of its own rules. We then followed up and sent picture examples to the St. Clair County Health Department asking inspectors to double check the size and they are now approved for dine-in with their doors open and within eight feet of the outside. Executive Chef Andrew Jeffery says they've had their best business here in weeks and that the staff was excited.

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11.1	Community	7pm	12/20	1:28	KPLR Weekend News	Christmas came early this weekend in North St. Louis as The Demetrious Johnson Foundation held its 29 th Annual Toy Giveaway. A drive-thru event this year with more than 1,000 kids receiving gifts, Johnson says the need is greater due to the pandemic. St. Louis Police Chief, John Hayden, also lend a helping hand. Volunteers and organizations such as the R Whittington Foundation helped donate the holiday gifts.
11.1	Business / Industry	7pm	12/21	2:01	KPLR News at 7	The ban has been in effect for about six weeks now on indoor dining in St. Louis County. A group of restaurant owners, who we reported on earlier, launched the hashtag “Stay Safe, Stay Open” campaign hoped to find common ground with county officials. It appears to be working but perhaps not soon enough. Keeping staff floating financially is difficult for Herbie’s Owner, Aaron Teielbaum, especially during the holidays. Covid-19 cases have dropped in the area and St. Louis County Health Officials have submitted a plan with new indoor dining restrictions, to allow limited indoor dining again in as little as two weeks. St. Louis County Executive Sam Page says we’re starting to see a flattening curve in the county but we’re still not there.
11.1	Health / Healthcare	6am	12/23	2:12	KPLR News at 6am	Triple digit case numbers come out 48 hours after Franklin County’s mask mandate expired Sunday. Tim Brinker, the Presiding Commissioner of Franklin County says part of the reason is because the county can’t enforce the mandate and that they aren’t going to zip their sheriff’s department across 922 square miles of the county to enforce a mask mandate when they should be there for serious crime.

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11.1	Elderly	11am	12/23	2:17	KTVI Midday News	Spending 18 days in the hospital with Covid-19, 90-year-old Dorothy Steele is finally returning to the nursing home where she lives. A week ago, her family was told she would not likely survive covid-19, but they had faith and said she can turn around. Hospital staff gave her a standing ovation on her way out the door, Dorothy didn't have to speak, only blowing kisses in thanks.
11.1	Technology	6am	12/25	1:55	KPLR News at 6am	Anticipating a big spike in Zoom calls this Christmas weekend, Zoom has removed time limits on its free services. Families are having to zoom with each other rather than getting together for the holidays. Dropping off presents and doing drive-by's, families are adjusting including those in St. Louis and surrounding cities.
11.1	Community	7pm	12/26	1:36	KPLR Weekend News	Nathaniel Brown is home for the holidays from college and is helping his mother, Shana, set up tables and cabinets outside their home with hundreds of free items. Food, toiletries and cleaning supplies, some of the items have been donated and some have been purchased with her own money. She says she does it all with love from the bottom of her heart bringing holiday cheer to all who stop by. She has helped over 400 families this season and is doing this amidst of losing 11 family members in Albany, Georgia to covid-19.
11.1	Crime / Law Enforcement	7pm	12/27	1:28	KPLR Weekend News	The incident happened right behind Lloyd and Harry's on Main Street in St. Charles, a group of men got into an argument and then migrated behind Uncle Joe's when the 26-year-old suspect opened fire shooting a man in the face. The victim was taken to the hospital and is in critical condition, the suspect was taken into custody and a handgun was believed to be the weapon used.

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11.1	Transportation	7pm	12/28	1:35	KPLR News at 7	This Monday afternoon brought a decent amount of holiday travel at the St. Louis Lambert International Airport, either headed out for a New Year's trip or returning from a Christmas trip. FOX 2 spoke to many families at the airport, all traveling for a variety of reasons to visit loved ones. This week the airport saw a reduction of travel from last year, about 30-32%, but this was the best week they've seen since covid hit back in March.
11.1	Health / Healthcare	7pm	12/29	1:35	KPLR News at 7	Dr. Ziyad Alaly, Washington University, says it's important to promote the public's understanding that COVID-19 is a serious disease, much more risky than seasonal flu. A study analyzed thousands of VA medical records among hospital patients, and covid was associated with an increased needs for ventilators, more admittance to the ICU and the death rate is nearly five times the risk than those with the flu. COVID-19 people are much more at risk of having a stroke or experiencing new onset diabetes or blood clots in the lungs or acute kidney injury than what we typically observe with seasonal influenza.
11.1	Business / Industry	7pm	12/30	1:24	KPLR News at 7	The County Executive announces a reopening date for county restaurants and bars. Acapulco Restaurant and Lounge was found in compliant with the recent ban on indoor dining and was forced to shut down. Local restaurants will be able to open on Monday with new restrictions and the restaurant has already applied to re-open. The new restrictions include a 25% capacity limit, a 10pm closing time and a plexiglass divider at the bar.

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The station also aired the following public service announcements during the instant quarter:

Type of Issue	Duration	Title or Narrative
Education	:15/30	Ad Council - Project Roadblock
Environment	:30	Forest Park Forever
Children/Youth	:15	Annie Malone Home for Children
Consumer	:15	American Red Cross Blood Drive
Elderly	:10/20/30	Heat UP St. Louis
Education	:15	Distracted Driving
Healthcare	:30	St. Louis Blues Mask UP
Community	:15/30	Urban League of Metro St. Louis
Women's Issues	:15	Women In Science, Tech, Research & Entrepreneurship
Women's Issues	:15	Making Strides for Breast Cancer ACS
Children/Youth	:05/15	Variety, The Children's Charity of STL