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Bmore Weekly: Gov. Hogan declined expansion on abortion training, new bus routes for Fall, 94 COVID-19 cases in schools

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Happy Friday and good morning!

This week's round-up:

- Gov. Hogan declined to fund expansion of abortion training to include more than just physicians
- New Community Healing Village to address mental health in Black and Brown communities
- MTA announced changes to bus routes for the Fall
- 94 reports of COVID-19 reported in Baltimore County schools
- Fun Fact Friday



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THIS WEEK IN A NUTSHELL: HOW BALTIMORE IS RESPONDING TO POTENTIAL OVERTURN OF ROE V. WADE

[Mayor Brandon Scott released statement on draft supreme court opinion](#)

- Mayor Scott stated he is ready to stand up and protect what is a fundamental human right and called the draft opinion "horrific."
- He mentioned how Black women stand to be disproportionately affected if Roe was overturned and called on Congress to act now by codifying Roe v. Wade.

[Governor Larry Hogan declines to fund expansion of abortion training to 'medical professionals'](#)

- The state's comptroller, Peter Franchot, cited the impending court decision as to why he requested \$3.5 million be made available to pay for training to prepare medical professionals other than physicians to perform abortions.
- The governor's spokesman, Michael Ricci, said the governor firmly believes non-licensed physicians should not be able to perform abortions.
- Planned Parenthood of Maryland has pointed out in testimony a shortage of providers in rural parts of the state.

Marylanders rally against new abortion laws passed across the US

- Several rallies throughout the state took place on Tuesday aligning with a nationwide day of action in support of reproductive rights.
- The movement is fueled Alabama's new strict anti-abortion law signed into effect by its Republican governor last week. The most extreme among eight states who have limited abortion rights.

"It shouldn't be a thing that my daughter or any of her children have to worry about."

— Barbara Fink, women's rights advocate told [WJZ](#).

MAKING OUR COMMUNITY BETTER



(Mayor Brandon Scott Office)

WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES TO ADVANCE LOCAL AND STATE LEGISLATURE

[KEYS Empowers, Inc.](#) is an organization that uses non-traditional methods to identify social-structural forces that impact community health, state and local legislation and activate community members as public health leaders.

They recently broke ground on a new Community Healing Village to address mental and behavioral health disparities in Black and Brown communities and foster healthy neighborhoods.

KEYS has a community health center, offers senior services, after school programs, therapy, community meal program and workforce development.

OTHER NEWS



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COMMUNITY

- MTA announced [changes to bus routes in 2022 fall service plan](#). **Changes will be discussed May 24 and May 25.**
- Halted funding [ends food distribution in east Baltimore](#), leaving nonprofit to figure out **how to feed hundreds of residents.**
- Community members gathered for [safety walk in Highlandtown after recent crimes](#). There have been **six robberies in the past two weeks.**

EDUCATION

- [Morgan State University close to setting up satellite campus](#) at old Lake Clifton High School. Plan **set to take up to 20 years and cost \$200M.**
- [New youth resource center opened in north Baltimore offering behavioral health and support services.](#)
- [94 outbreaks of COVID-19 reported in Baltimore County schools](#), defined as **at least five classrooms with cases** from separate households in 14 days.

POLITICS

- Maryland lawmakers pass [bill giving drivers time to pay and dispute toll charges without steep penalties.](#)
- Department of Public Works [proposes increase in water rates](#), city **officials concerned about how working-class families will pay.**
- State's Attorney candidate Thiru [Vignarajah gets major local law enforcement endorsement](#) from **five former Baltimore City police commissioners.**

SPORTS

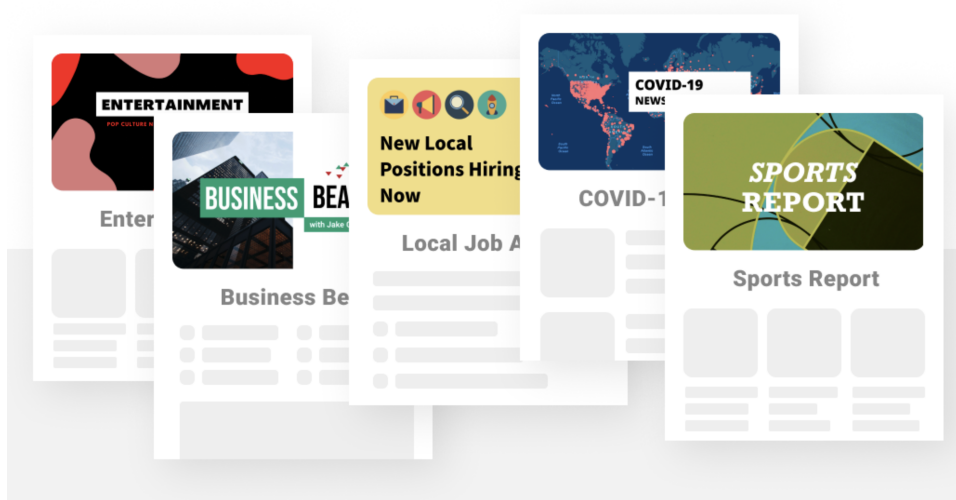
- Orioles' attendance has bounced back in 2022, stadium has been busier than in years past.
- Camden Yards' new renovation make it the third-most difficult place to hit a homerun.
- Former Ravens WR Marquise Brown to sport new jersey number with Cardinals.

FUN FACT FRIDAY



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The first United States post office system was inaugurated in Baltimore in 1774.



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