

# **Alert - Program Update: NPR Special Events Coverage/Breaking News , 12pm ET George Floyd funeral on BNC**

Colleagues,

We're awaiting the start of coverage of the funeral service of George Floyd on the Breaking News Channel. You're currently hearing USNO on the BNC, until noon, when the coverage will begin. Timing estimates have the program lasting 3 to 4 hours, approximately.

A reminder, this program is coming from Houston Public Media/KUHF-FM, but will be available on the NPR Special Events Coverage/Breaking News Subscription during that time.

Please have your local host regularly identify this coverage on the air as programming from Houston Public Media/KUHF-FM in Houston, TX.

As this program is originating from a non-NPR source, NPR messaging about this programming will be limited. Please see the Broadcast Protocols section below for more details.

Thank you

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**IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL NOTE:** Colleagues, please note that if you carry this coverage, you should keep a copy of this communication in your station's FCC public files, as per below. (\*\*) Thanks.

Colleagues:

Today, Tuesday, June 9, the funeral for George Floyd is taking place at The Fountain of Praise church in Houston, Texas, at 12 PM Eastern Time/11 AM Central Time. Floyd's killing in Minneapolis on May 25 has sparked worldwide protests as well as charges against four former police officers. Floyd will be laid to rest in his hometown of Houston. The service is billed as "a private celebration of life" and will be facilitated by Rev. Dr. Remus E. Wright.

NPR is making the NPR Special Events Coverage/Breaking News subscription (a.k.a. Breaking News Channel) in ContentDepot available to Member station Houston Public Media/KUHF-FM to facilitate other stations' access to local coverage of this important story.

#### **TIMING AND PROGRAM DETAILS:**

Beginning at 12 PM ET/11 AM Central Time, Houston Public Media/KUHF-FM will cover this story through its local broadcast service. We do not have a specified end time for the service or for the broadcast.

The program will be anchored by Ernie Manouse and Eddie Robinson of Houston Public Media. They'll be joined by Houston Public Media reporters Matt Harab & Kyra Buckley who will be at The Fountain of Praise church.

Commentators also joining the coverage: Sonny Messiah-Jiles, CEO and Publisher of the Defender Media Group (formerly the Houston Defender Newspaper), and Dr. Rheeda Walker, UH professor of Psychology & Author: "The Unapologetic Guide to Black Mental Health: Navigate an Unequal System, Learn Tools for Emotional Wellness, and Get the Help you Deserve."

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**\*\*For FCC purposes (47 CFR 73.1207(b)), Houston Public Media/KUHF-FM has granted consent to all NPR Member and other stations authorized to broadcast NPR programming to rebroadcast their signal/broadcast audio stream for this funeral and related coverage. If you rebroadcast the KUHF-FM broadcast audio stream for this coverage, a copy of this consent should be retained in your station's FCC public files, so that it is available in the event the FCC requests it.**

**CLOCK:**

**There will be no specified clock for this coverage and we do not know when this coverage will end, though HPM is tentatively planning for about 2 hours. As an option, if the service lasts more than two hours, Houston Public Media will offer cutaway language at 1:59:58 PM ET/12:59:58 CT. The cue will be "You are listening to coverage of the George Floyd Funeral, live from Houston Texas." This will be followed by a 2 second pause in commentary, then there will be a reestablish at the top of the hour. This will then be repeated at the top of each hour for as long as the service continues.**

**OPTIONAL: ALTERNATE SUBSCRIPTION:**

**For stations that wish to do so, it is also possible to subscribe to the Houston Public Media/KUHF-FM program via ContentDepot, here: <https://contentdepot.prss.org/portal/media/programs/6158286>**

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**Be advised that this coverage is local and may include local warnings, alerts and corresponding tones. Please be mindful of possible issues that may arise from rebroadcasting another station's programming.**

**As always during live coverage, we recommend that stations have a board op present to engineer. We do not recommend automating this coverage.**

**DIGITAL COVERAGE:**

**VIDEO:**

**NPR is also offering a live video stream of the funeral for George Floyd in the form of an embed for your website. This is a separate stream and not a part of Houston Public Media's coverage. Please see this link for more details: [https://www.nprstations.org/programinfo/feature\\_series/17\\_embeds.cfm](https://www.nprstations.org/programinfo/feature_series/17_embeds.cfm)**

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