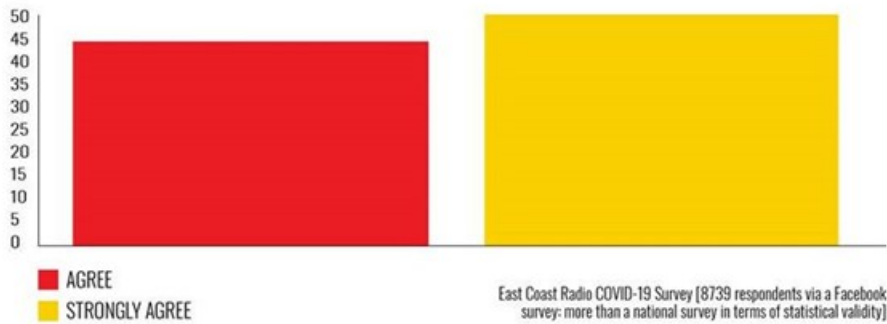


East Coast Radio adjusts its programming during Covid-19

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East Coast Radio is designed around our listeners' lives and our programming is designed with their habits, movements and needs in mind. So we have decided to change things up to accommodate for that!



93% of the East Coast Radio COVID-19 survey responders state that they are likely to listen to even more radio than usual.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

- People are particularly eager to hear news, information, and alerts.
- Clients who provide services that will become a necessity or that interest our listeners will be particularly relevant.
- We can ensure that we provide them with the best opportunity to reach our community with the correct messaging at the right time.

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Because of the COVID-19 Lockdown, and for the month of April, we understand that these habits, movements and needs have changed and as such, we are making the following changes to our Programming:



Jane Linley-Thomas and Paul Bushell from KindnessCan will provide an hour of inspiring, optimistic content to kickstart your morning

06:00-07:00

East Coast Breakfast with Darren, Keri and Sky

07:00-10:00

**ALL OUR PRIMETIME
SHOWS WILL START 1 HOUR
LATER THAN USUAL.**

Thandolwethu	10:00-13:00
Stacey Norman	13:00-16:00
East Coast Drive with Gordon & Gareth	16:00-19:00

We have added special COVID-19 Programming to the station

Hourly news updates with the latest on Coronavirus - The Newswatch team will also break into regular programming if there is an urgent update at any time of the day.

Twice daily Coronavirus updates on East Coast Breakfast at 08:10 and on East Coast Drive at 17:10.

A special Coronavirus tab on our website, ecr.co.za, where you can get all the latest information as and when you need it.

Special guests and experts that will share meaningful information with you – these will always be available under the Podcast section on our website, ecr.co.za

A special feature co-created with the KZN Department of Health runs on the Breakfast show on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 06:50 – it's also podcast for easy access.

We are working with the KZN Department of Education to bring educational podcasts and content to our website.

Regular adverts promoting the following of good hygiene practices, social distancing and adhering to government policies.

Every morning Jane Linley-Thomas and Paul Bushell will host an hour of uplifting, optimistic content to start KZN in the right frame of mind from 06:00 to 07:00 before the East Coast Breakfast team kick off with the later start of 07:00.

THE UPLIFTING ANTHEM

Every hour across the day, at half past the hour, the station will be playing a special song to motivate, uplift and inspire our listeners, as during this hard time for South Africans and the world East Coast Radio, through the power of music, want to keep our listeners optimistic.

Regular news broadcasts focusing on Coronavirus and local KZN news from the East Coast Radio Newswatch team continue to run hourly from 07:00 to 17:00 and on weekends from 07:00 to 10:00. The team works around the clock and will update listeners whenever there is breaking news outside of scheduled news bulletins.



As a result of the lockdown, there will be limited cars on our roads, and as such we will cancel our Traffic updates to be more in line with our listeners' lives.



There too will be no Sport reports during this time, as there is no professional sport being played. None of our reporters will be unpaid during this time as we will be reallocating them to areas of the business that require additional support during this time.

We will be including Weather reports on weekends at 06:45; 07:45; 16:45 and 17:45.

The following shows/features will be suspended during the Lockdown:
Traffic, Sport, Marketwatch, Businesswatch, East Coast Party Central, Breakfast Beats, On The Ball
These resume on Friday 17 April.

To simplify broadcasting, we will be using some of our weekday presenters over weekends. Live broadcasts will happen daily from 7am to 7pm, with shows from 7pm to 7am being voice tracked.



SCHEDULE

TIME	PRESENTER	CONTROLLER
Weekday		
07:00	Darren, Keri & Sky	J'Sbu
10:00	Thandolwethu	J'Sbu
13:00	Stacey Norman	Danny
16:00	Gordon & Gareth	Danny
19:00	Sam Cele	Voice Tracked
21:00	Neil Green	Voice Tracked
00:00	Deon Govender	Voice Tracked
04:00	J'Sbu	Voice Tracked
06:00	Jane Linley-Thomas & Paul Bushell	Voice Tracked
Friday		
19:00	Sam Cele	Voice Tracked
22:00	Mike V	Voice Tracked
02:00	Jayshree Parasuramen	Voice Tracked
Saturday		
06:00	Jane Linley-Thomas	Jayshree
10:00	Stacey norman	Jayshree
14:00	Sky Tshabalala	Sam
18:00	Sam Cele	Voice Tracked
22:00	Mike V	Voice Tracked
02:00	Jayshree Parasuramen	Voice Tracked
Sunday		
06:00	Jane Linley-Thomas	Jayshree
10:00	Thandolwethu	Jayshree
14:00	Keri Miller	Sam
18:00	Mike V	Voice Tracked
22:00	Danny Guselli	Voice Tracked

THANK YOU!

We thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate this uncharted territory.

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- **Empowering business minds at the Mancosa East Coast Radio Business Breakfast** 12 Apr 2024
- **Walk Your Way at the Suncoast East Coast Radio Big Walk** 18 Mar 2024
- **Make moves for your future at the Mancosa East Coast Radio Business Breakfast** 4 Mar 2024

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