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ABC NEWS AND DISNEY+ ANNOUNCE NEW DAILY SHOW 'WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW,' PREMIERING MONDAY, JULY 21, EXCLUSIVELY ON DISNEY+

ABC News' First Original Daily Program Created for Disney+ Will Be Anchored by Chief International Correspondent James Longman and Senior Political Correspondent Rachel Scott

The New Series Will Drop Episodes Weekdays at 6 a.m. ET, Joining Around-the-Clock ABC News Programming Available on Disney+

Today, ABC News and Disney+ announced "What You Need to Know," a new weekday news show anchored by chief international correspondent James Longman and senior political correspondent Rachel Scott, which will premiere Monday, July 21, exclusively on <u>Disney+</u>. The short-form streaming series will be ABC News' first original daily news program created for Disney+, with episodes premiering at 6 a.m. ET.

"What You Need to Know" is the fast, fresh way to stay ahead of the conversation as viewers start their day. From breaking headlines and the day's biggest stories to entertainment buzz and viral videos, the show has everything you need to know. "What You Need to Know" will be available on demand on Disney+ for 24 hours.

"We are proud to launch this innovative series with Rachel and James, who meet viewers where they are with essential news, context and analysis to help them better understand the world around us," said Almin Karamehmedovic, president of ABC News. "This new effort expands ABC News' significant footprint on Disney+, allowing us to reach and connect with new and diverse audiences on the platform."

"'What You Need to Know' is reimagining what a news experience can look like for Disney+ subscribers — delivering smart, bite-sized commentary on the stories that matter most," said Alisa Bowen, president of Disney+. "With the trusted voices of ABC News at the helm, this show marks an exciting evolution of our news offering."

"We are excited to embark on this journey with Disney+, a show that reimagines how you get your news," said Longman and Scott in a joint statement. "What You Need to Know' is built for the speed of the scrolling era, cutting through the noise by offering essential news in an easily digestible and accessible package wherever you are."

The show joins around-the-clock ABC News programming available on Disney+, including "Good Morning America: First Look" at 4:00 a.m. ET, "Prime with Linsey Davis" at 7:00 p.m. ET, "World News Tonight with David Muir" at 10:00 p.m. ET and ABC News Live streaming news channel content throughout the day.

About ABC News

ABC News is America's No. 1 news source, providing straightforward, fact-driven journalism across broadcast, streaming, digital and audio. ABC's award-winning programs include "Good Morning America," "World News Tonight with David Muir," "Nightline," "20/20," "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," "GMA3," and "The View." Platforms include 24/7 streaming channel ABC News Live featuring "Prime with Linsey Davis," ABC News Studios, ABC News Digital, ABC Audio and NewsOne. Based in New York City, ABC News is comprised of three U.S. bureaus and eight international bureaus, with a presence in more than 20 countries around the world.

About Disney+

Disney+ is the dedicated streaming home for movies and shows from Disney, Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars, and National Geographic, along with The Simpsons and much more. In select international markets, it also includes the general entertainment content brand, Star, and in the U.S., eligible bundle subscribers can also access extensive Hulu and ESPN+ content on Disney+, including next day TV, Hulu and ESPN Originals, live sports events and studio programming. The flagship direct-to-consumer streaming service from The Walt Disney Company, Disney+ offers an unmatched collection of exclusive originals, including feature-length films, documentaries, live-action and animated series, and short-form content. With unprecedented access to Disney's long history of incredible film and television entertainment, Disney+ is also the exclusive streaming home for the newest releases from The Walt Disney Studios. Disney+ is available as a standalone streaming service or as part of bundle offerings in the U.S. that give subscribers access to different combinations of Disney+, Hulu, and ESPN+. For more, visit <u>disneyplus.com</u>, or find the Disney+ app on most mobile and connected TV devices.

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