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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

Colorado Gov. Polis announced a statewide [stay-at-home order](#), effective March 25th.

[\*Caring for Clinicians\*](#) presents: *COVID-19 Conversations for Clinicians*, a series of free interactive webinars open to all health care professionals worldwide in response to the unprecedented amount of pressure health care workers are managing in the face of COVID-19. OHSU and UMass faculty are launching this series dedicated to supporting this crucial workforce. The first will be “An Emotional Guide” presented by Drs. Tina Runyan and Joan Fleishman March 28<sup>th</sup>, 10-11AM MDT; March 29<sup>th</sup> 5-6PM MDT.

[The Green Center](#) Quick COVID-19 Primary Care Survey has been in the field the past two weeks to gauge the impact COVID-19 is having on primary care. Results from Weeks 1 and 2 are available on the [Primary Care Collaborative's site](#), the Green Center's partner in this work. Survey #3 has been posted there, and anyone wishing to provide information about your practice experiences this past week, please do so. The goal is to regularly assess primary care's ability to evaluate and manage patients amid COVID-19 and to consider policy implications going forward.

[2020 Public Health in the Rockies](#), a conference dedicated to toward advancing the public health workforce, sponsored by the Colorado Public Health Association and the Wyoming Public Health Association, will take place August 26-28 at the Keystone Conference Center. This year's theme: Health at All Altitudes: Action for All. Health for All.

For Coloradans who wish to write a note of encouragement to our health professionals working tirelessly on the frontline at UCHHealth University of Colorado Hospital, please do so by [clicking on this link](#).

[Two Denver hospitals start in-house COVID-19 testing, results in 24 hours rather than days](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by Jennifer Kovaleski about how

National Jewish Health can test up to 100 people a day, and Denver Health can test 276 people a day (health care workers and those sick enough to need hospitalization).

[\*Primary Care in Crisis\*](#), Season 1, Episode 13 on Tradeoffs is a 14-minute podcast, accompanied by a transcript about the struggles facing primary care practices/clinicians as discussed by several clinicians.



[\*A rundown of coronavirus drugs for home and hospital\*](#) is a story on *UCHealth Today* by Todd Neff that includes ideas for home treatment with symptoms not serious enough to merit hospitalization, as well as well as therapies being tried by clinicians around the world despite a dearth of scientific evidence.

[\*Colorado hospitals are preparing their doctors and nurses for an all-hands-on-deck coronavirus fight\*](#) is a story in the *Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul about how hospitals are planning to shuffle healthcare workers who normally practice in such specialties as obstetrics, family medicine and Ob/Gyn into the ED to prepare for a possible surge. And for now all elective and nonessential surgeries and other medical procedures are prohibited to preserve supplies and manpower.

[\*What lockdown orders mean when it's not your hometown\*](#) is a post on *By The Way*, a newsletter from *The Washington Post* with a host of interesting bits and pieces.

[\*Shipment of 2 million masks to ease Colorado's medical supply shortage in face of coronavirus' spread\*](#) is a story in the *Denver Post* by Meg Wingerter about a shipment of masks scheduled to arrive from China by Saturday that is expected to meet the state's need for about a month.

[\*From the coronavirus front lines, a Colorado doctor sees a tipping point that "could go either way"\*](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by Scott Monserud who interviewed Dr. Saketh Guntupalli, director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at UCHealth about how this pandemic affects his work and how it's more like running a marathon.

[\*That Discomfort You're Feeling Is Grief\*](#) is a story in the *Harvard Business Review* by Scott Berinato who interviewed David Kessler, co-author with Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, of *On Grief and Grieving: Finding the Meaning of Grief through the Five Stages of Loss* on Kessler's thoughts on why it's important to acknowledge the grief we may be feeling in today's new way of being, and then keep going.

[\*Just Breathe: How to Manage Your Mental Health During a Global Crisis\*](#) is a story in *5280* by Daliah Singer who printed a list of tips to manage our mental health, and to remember we're not alone.

[\*Helping When It Matters Most – During CPVOD-19, Hoping for the Best Means Preparing for the Worst\*](#) is a story on *tbdSolutions* by Travis Atkinson, MA-LPC who, in light of the unfolding challenges for the behavioral health safety net, provides issues and possible solutions that can be put in place now to address the crisis at hand.

[\*They already had an anxiety disorder. Then the coronavirus pandemic hits\*](#) is a story in the *LA Times* about how nearly two-thirds of those with anxiety disorder are more affected by the challenges surrounding the coronavirus.



[\*Redefining the “public Option”: Lessons from Washington State and New Mexico\*](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Michael S. Sparer that suggest that policymakers and policy analysts examine whether the “laboratory of federalism” produces ideas that can and should be replicated on a national scale.

[\*A 42 year-old died in ICE custody, becoming their 10<sup>th</sup> death in six months\*](#) is a story in *Daily News*, by Lauren Theisen, that points out how immigration detention facilities could become particularly lethal during the pandemic.

[\*How the Pandemic Will End\*](#) is a lengthy article in *The Atlantic* by Ed Yong who writes his thought about possibilities for the next months, for the end game, and how the world will be in the aftermath.

[\*Poverty isn’t a lack of character; it’s a lack of cash\*](#) is a Ted Talk by historian Rutger Bregman, who shares his case for a guaranteed basic income.

[\*Teen Who Died of COVID-10 Was Denied Treatment Because He Didn’t Have Health Insurance\*](#) is a story on *GIZMODO* by Matt Novak who reports that roughly 8.5% of Americans don’t have health insurance. Not a problem reported in other countries to date.

[\*For Abused Women, a Pandemic Lockdown Holds Dangers of Its Own\*](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Alisha Haridasani Gupta and Aviva Stahl about how the coronavirus has resulted in: 1) the lives of people stuck in physically or emotionally abusive relationships have/will become harder and 2) the it raises the stakes for domestic violence services across the country as they scramble to adapt to a patchwork of new government policies and restrictions that shift day by day and vary from state to state.

[\*How to Get Health Insurance if You’re Worried about Coronavirus or Have Lost Your Job\*](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Margot Sanger-Katz and Reed Abelson who report on how there are more options for getting coverage than in past economic crises.

[\*Coronavirus Shows Why Trump’s Big Medicaid Idea is Dangerous\*](#) is a story in the *Huffington Post* by Jeffrey Young about how the administration wants

states to accept caps on federal Medicaid funding.



## RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[\*Colorado researchers are racing to find an antiviral drug that could save people with the new coronavirus\*](#) is a story in the *Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about a team at the CU pharmacy school that is testing modified versions of two HIV drugs in the hopes of finding a treatment that works for the virus.

[\*How states are responding to coronavirus, in 7 maps\*](#) is an article in *Politico* by Kamran Rahman and Alice Miranda Ollstein with interactive maps that show the spread of the outbreak and state measures enacted to fight it.



## MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[\*Medical-Legal Partnerships COVID-19 Town Hall\*](#), March 30, 2020 11am-noon MDT, is a virtual town hall via webinar to discuss coordinating health and legal efforts during the COVID-10 epidemic and navigating MLP operational challenges.

[\*Practicing Medical-Legal Partnership During the COVID-19 Pandemic\*](#) provides some resources relating to COVID-19.



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