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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

The latest results from the [Green Center's Series 5](#) COVID-19 survey are now available, n=2,602 physician respondents. For those of you who wish to contribute to this week's Quick COVID-19 Primary Care Survey (due April 20th), it can be accessed at the link above.

[Virtual Town Hall from Clinic](#) featuring Rep. Yadira Caraveo and Congressman Ed Perlmutter that will highlight challenges facing healthcare providers on the frontline, and with keeping their practices open during the COVID-19 crisis. April 23rd, 12:15-1:15PM MT

[Maintaining Community Connections and Relationships during the COVID-19 Crisis](#) is a community engagement forum April 29th, 12-1PM MT presented by the CCTSI Community Engagement and ACCORDS Education groups.

[The Last Great Pandemic](#) is an audio interview with John Barry about his 2004 book, *The Great Influenza*, a meticulously researched account of the 1918 pandemic. It inspired President George W. Bush to develop a comprehensive pandemic plan after reading it.

[COVID-19 - The Triple Threat Against Our Well-Being](#) is a webinar April 20th 11am MT sponsored by Well Being Trust, featuring Ben Miller, Dayna Matthew, Carol Graham and Ashwin Vasan.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Colorado hospitals in 'a better place,' seeing fewer COVID-19 patients, ER doctor says](#) is a story by Jennier Kovaleski for *The Denver Channel* who

interviewed Dr. Richard Zane, chief innovation officer and chair of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine. Dr Zane talks about positive trends at UCHHealth, the state's largest hospital, but warns that now is not the time to "let up the gas on social distancing." [Another article](#) about data showing stay-at-home order is flattening the curve.

["Like the rug was ripped out from under me": The mental health costs of coronavirus](#) is a story by Saja Hindi for *The Denver Post* about how the stresses of the pandemic don't just affect people who have a history of mental health issues. These personal stories call out how such a crisis can exacerbate existing mental health problems as well as cause people who are not normally plagued by anxiety, experience anxiety during heightened period of stress and uncertainty.

[For Addicts, COVID-19 Crisis Can Mean Going It Alone... Virtually](#) is a story in *Westword* by Sage Marshall who discusses how isolation can be particularly challenging for those who haven't spent a lot of time in sobriety, and how addicts have transitioned to online meetings.

[An Army of Virus Tracers Takes Shape in Massachusetts](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Ellen Barry about newly minted state public health workers, Virus tracers, responsible for tracking down people who have been exposed to the coronavirus, ASAP, and warning them.



[What the US Could Learn from Australia's COVID-19 Response](#) is a post on the *Milbank Blog* by Anne-marie Boxall of the University of Sydney who suggests that the United State look to Australia, another federation in which the powers of government are divided between the federal government and small state, territory, or county governments, for ideas.

[CU Faculty Voices: A reflection on ageism in the time of coronavirus](#) is a posting on *CU Connections* by Judy Scott, PhD, RN, CU College of Nursing, who writes how this crisis is an opportunity to advance idea of aging as continuous, not binary process.

[Six Ideas to Address Problems in the United States Health Care System](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Sherry Glied, dean of NY University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and so much more, who offers six ideas that won't require a "wholesale restructuring of the entire U.S. health car system, but she believes will make a god deal of progress in the way of incremental reforms that will address the problems people face right now.

[COVID-19: A guide to making telepsychiatry work](#) is a story in *The Hospitalist* by Randy Dotinga how changes prompted by social distancing will most likely last beyond the pandemic. Insurers and the federal government are making it easier for mental health professionals to delivery safe and effective psychiatric

services to patients via tele/video conferencing tools.

[*Opinion: Employer-based insurance is a crumbling defense against a global pandemic*](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Jordan Rook and colleagues who call out how accompanying bleak epidemiologic models are bleak economic ones, a fact that highlights the flaws of our private, employer-based health insurance system.

[*The Impact of Chronic Underfunding on America's Public Health System: Trends, Risks, and Recommendations, 2020*](#) is a report posted on the *Trust for America's Health (TFAH)* site, which is part of TFAH's annual public health funding series that found a continuing pattern of underfunding of these vital programs.

[*America Can Afford a World-Class Health System. Why Don't We Have One?*](#) is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Anne Case and Angus Deaton about how our system takes from the poor and working class to generate wealth for the already wealthy.



[*The COVID-19 Tsunami: The Tide Goes Out Before It Comes In*](#) is a post on the *Health Affairs Blog* by Bob Phillips, Andrew Bazemore and Aaron Baum about the perilous landscape for primary care practices in the face of this crisis.

[*Scientists developing COVID-19 test that knows you're sick before you do*](#) is an article on *CU Boulder Today* by Lisa Marshall about a test being fast-tracked by scientists in the CU Boulder Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology. SickStick is designed to curb the current pandemic, as well as change the way we track disease.

[*CU Doctors Work to Treat COVID-19, Now and in the Future*](#) is an article on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Debra Melani about how our campus is playing a major role in the convalescent plasma therapy research.

[*How coronavirus antibody tests could help us return to "normal life"*](#) is a story on *Mic* by Melissa Pandika about the science behind antibody tests, limitations, and the advantages of those developed by clinical labs vs a device manufacturer.

[*Can Churches Bring Addiction Treatment to Rural Areas?*](#) is a post on the *Health Affairs Blog* by Alex Woodruff and Austin B. Frakt addresses a promising approach to treat substance use disorders in rural America by partnering with faith-based organizations.

[*Multidisciplinary research priorities for the COVID-19 pandemic: A call for action for mental health science*](#) is a position paper in *The Lancet* by Emily A. Holmes and colleagues who explore the psychological, social and neuroscientific effects of COVID-19 and set out the immediate priorities and

longer-term strategies for mental health science research.

[*Mental Health in the Time of COVID-19: Tech Interventions for a Growing Crisis*](#) is a Forbes story by Shannon Farley who discusses tech-first organizations that have been built to fill in-person gaps, and that have been working on overdrive to support the growing number of people struggling with mental health in the face of COVID-19.

[*Americans Say COVID-19 Hurting Mental Health Most*](#) is a story on the Gallup site by Megan Brenan who provides findings from a recent poll about expected outcomes of social distancing practices.



[*Mount Sinai MLP*](#) provides legal services for Mt. Sinai's most vulnerable and needy patients to address and resolve the legal and social issues that often contribute to their poor health.

[*University of Florida Health*](#) has a medical legal partnership with Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. for seniors to provide confidential free legal assistance to low-income senior patients.



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