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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

The results from the [Green Center's Series 6](#) Quick COVID-19 survey are now available, n=1,047 clinician respondents. Reports from the front line indicate that one-third have no testing capacity, 50% have inadequate PPE for testing, and 42% have experienced layoffs and furloughed staff. For those of you who wish to contribute to this week's survey (due April 27th), it can be accessed [here](#).

[COVID-19: The Triple Threat Against Our Well Being](#) is a recorded webinar sponsored by Healing the Nation, focused on the social, economic, and health impacts of COVID-19 on individual and community-level well-being. Speakers: Drs. Ben Miller, Dayna Matthew, Carol Graham and Ashwin Vasani.

Responding to Adverse Childhood Events in Nurse-Family Partnership: An Equity-Oriented Approach to Health Promotion Services is a seminar by Dr. Susan Jack, hosted by ACCORDS, April 28th at noon MT. [RSVP here](#).

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. [RSVP here](#).

Reviving Rural Healthcare: The Lakin Kansas Experience is the topic for Rural Grand Rounds April 29th, 12-1PM MT featuring Dr. Benjamin Anderson, VP, Rural Health and Hospitals at Colorado Hospital Association and Dr. Mark Deutchman, director of the Rural Track program. [To join, click here](#).

[WONCA COVID-19 Webinar #2 Mental Health](#) is a recorded webinar that focuses on mental health aspects of the pandemic, and how family doctors can safeguard the mental health of patients and themselves.

[Care for COVID-19 Warriors](#) contains resources posted on the Integrated Primary Care site by behavioral health clinicians for health providers in times of stress.

[COVID-19 Just-In-Time ECHO for Primary Care](#) is a Colorado partnership that offers a series of presentations and updates Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7-8AM MT that provides up-to-the-minute information and answers to questions about the local experience. The topic for April 27th is: Hospital Discharge Algorithms. [Sign up here.](#)

[Chancellor's Communiqué](#) is a message from CU AMC Chancellor Don Elliman that discusses the financial crisis brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. He also reported that while the state recently issued “safer-at-home” orders effective April 27th, the campus is extending its remote working timeline for non-critical faculty and staff past the April 30th date until further notice.



[COVID-19 and suicide: An uncertain connection](#) is an opinion piece by Dr. Emmy Betz, emergency physician and researcher at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, who talks about increased sales of firearms and ammunition in Colorado when this crisis started, along with increased use of alcohol, social isolation and domestic abuse; raising the question about whether suicide rates will rise as well.

[Guest Post: The path to COVID-19 economic recovery lies in large-scale testing](#) is a post by Ankita Arora for *The Colorado Independent* who writes that diagnostics serve as the first line of defense in any pandemic response and that a crack in the front lines has allowed the virus to spread, unchecked.

[Mind the Brain: Mental Health in the Time of COVID-19](#) is a letter from Dr. C. Neill Epperson, Chair of the CU Dept. of Psychiatry, who talks about the need to launch a frank dialogue about psychiatric disorders as the “second surge” of this pandemic.

['A high-risk perfect storm:' Loneliness and financial despair take toll on U.S. mental health](#) is a story in *The Guardian* by Nina Lakhani about how lockdowns have caused uncertainty, isolation, grief and economic despair, leading to a sharp rise in calls to helplines.

[Misinformation Goes Viral](#) is an article in *The Startup* by Jason Shepherd, associate professor, chair of Neurobiology at the University of Utah, who sets the record straight using facts.

[You're Not Lazy – Self Isolation Is Utterly Exhausting](#) is an article by Gillian Sisley for *Medium* who talks about why self-isolation based on societal demand makes all the difference between thriving and surviving.

[Vaccine Rates Drop Dangerously as Parents Avoid Doctors' Visits](#) is a story in *The New Times* by Jan Hoffman who discusses how parents are postponing well-child checkups, including shots, putting millions of children at risk of

exposure to preventable deadly disease.



POLICY EFFORTS

[*How Payment Reform Could Enable Primary Care to Respond to COVID-19*](#) is an issue brief by Drs. Stephanie Gold, Larry Green and Jack Westfall posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site, and calls out how business models and payment policies have not kept pace with advanced care models.

[*Payer Actions Can Help Sustain Primary Care During and After COVID-19*](#) is a post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund blog* by Chris Koller, president, who provides an overview of primary care's epidemic-mitigation capacities and effects.

[*Detailing the Primary Care Imperative – Remembering Barbara Starfield*](#) is a piece by Dr. James M. Perrin, professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, who calls out how the United States perpetuates a serious imbalance in financial support for primary care versus other health investments, with primary care and mental and behavioral health chronically underfunded despite overwhelming evidence that health is better where there are more primary care physicians.

[*Child Abuse and Neglect*](#) is a post on the *Global Alliance* site that talks about how child abuse and neglect should be treated as a public health problem, at a time when efforts to contain the pandemic have led to increased risk for children around the world.

[*OPINION: It's Time to Flatten the Loneliness Curve for Older Americans*](#) is a piece posted on *Next Avenue* by Marc Freedman (influencer in aging) and John Gomperts (youth-development advocate) who ask “where’s the social stimulus plan?”

[*AAFP: Congress Must Take ‘Bold Steps’ to Steady Primary Care*](#) is an article on the AAFP site about how this pandemic is an opportunity to transcend the fee-for-service system.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[*Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) and Mental Health for Children and Adolescents*](#) is an opinion piece by Drs. Ezra Golbert, Hefei Wen, and Ben Miller posted on the *JAMA Network* that calls out the need to consider the potential associations that school closures have with children's well-being, and what can be done to mitigate them.

[How one hospital system is using technology to reduce health care providers' exposure to coronavirus](#) is a story on *CNN Business* by Clare Duffy about tools being used to connect health care providers in a human way to their patients and how those are being expanded to outfit coronavirus patients' rooms with two-way video calling devices to allow providers to check in with patients on video, minimizing exposure and use of PPE.

[COVID-19: Health cost issues for U.S. healthcare payers now and in the days ahead](#) is a Milliman report by Matthew J. Kramer and colleagues who have identified some of the cost drivers that payers may expect to encounter both now and down the road after we get through the initial surge of the pandemic... though the unknowns still dominate.



[Bringing Law and Medicine Together to Help Rural Patients](#) is a story in *The Rural Monitor* by Allee Mead about a partnership between Northern Dental Access Center and Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota who provides an on-site attorney at the dental center to provide free legal advice to low-income people with health-harming legal needs.

Best Practices in Pro Bono: COVID-19 Edition is a webinar hosted by the Washington Council of Lawyers April 29th 12:30-1:45PM to discuss challenges you are facing, share innovative solutions, and find ways that the DC pro bono community can support one another. [Register here.](#)



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