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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

The results from the [Green Center's Series](#) 7 Quick COVID-19 survey are now available, n = 3,131 clinician respondents. The financial picture remains dire. Two-thirds report that fewer than half of what they do is reimbursable, 455 don't know if they can remain open beyond another 4 weeks and 39% report lack of support from public health departments. For those of you who wish to contribute to this week's survey (due May 4th), you can access the form [here](#).

Coding support for Colorado clinicians: [Pam Ballou-Nelson](#), RN, CMPE, MA, MSPH, PhD; MGMA consultant, 877.275.6462, ext. 1877

[Proven Preventive Medicine Coding Tactics During and After COVID-19](#) is an expert-led 60-minute online coding training May 20th, 11 AM MT with Kim Garner Huey, who will provide step-by-step guidance on how to get paid for preventive medicine services during the pandemic.

[COVID-19 Vaccines and Therapeutics: What Lies Ahead?](#) is a free, live-stream event scheduled for May 4th, 8:30-9:30 AM MT, sponsored by the Colorado School of Public Health, the Denver museum of Nature and Science, and the Institute for Science & Policy.

[HHS Begins Distribution of Payments to Hospitals with High COVID-19 Admissions, Rural Providers](#) is a press release on the HHS.gov site about the latest plan for payment and distribution.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Unsung Heroes on the COVID-19 Front Lines](#) is a story on the CU Skaggs

School of Pharmacy site about how pharmacists are playing key roles in patient care and optimizing safety for the entire medical team.

[*The Pandemic You Know, and the One You Don't: Vulnerable Youth in the Crisis*](#) is a post on *Chronicles of Social Change* by Jevon Wilkes about how the pandemic preys on pre-existing conditions of trauma, victimization and pervasive insecurity of our marginalized adults and youth.



[*Bipartisan group of lawmakers seeks COVID-19 mental health funds*](#) is a piece on *Roll Call* by Sandhya Raman about a call for an emergency infusion of mental health and addiction funding to be added to the next COVID-19 economic stimulus package. [*76 lawmakers urge emergency funding for mental health in next coronavirus stimulus package*](#), a story about the same posted on *The Hill* by Tal Axelrod.

[*Trump administration skimps on coronavirus aid for Medicaid providers*](#) is a story in the *LA Times* by Noam N Levey about how Trump's administration's programs to aid hospitals and doctors on the front lines of the coronavirus crisis is leaving behind the nation's Medicaid safety net that serves the poorest patients.

[*Australians urged to take up mental health telehealth and put on 'digital sunscreen'*](#) is a story on ZDNet by Asha Barbaschow who reports how Prime Minister Scott Morrison fast-tracked digital alternatives to in-person medical care. Since March 29th, one million mental health telehealth consultations have taken place, 50% of consultations that have occurred during this time.

[*Lawmaker Pushing Mental Health Reform: It's 'More Needed than Ever'*](#) is a story on *California Healthline* by Samantha Young about why California State Senator Jim Beall believes mental health care must remain a priority.

[*Ex-Officials Call for \\$46 Billion for Tracing, Isolating in Next Coronavirus Package*](#) is an NPR story by Franco Ordoñez about how Andy Slavitt, former director of Medicare and Medicaid (Obama); and Scott Gottlieb, former Food and Drug Administration chief (Trump) are spearheading a call for \$46 billion public health investment in a future coronavirus aid package to safely reopen the economy.

[*COVID-19: A Global Pandemic Demands a Global Response*](#) is a white paper posted on the Georgetown University Medical Center site by top global health experts who lay out a global response to the pandemic.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[*Coronavirus Survey Results*](#) is a posting on the Healthier Colorado site with statewide survey results intended to measure and understand the concerns, needs, experiences and attitudes of Coloradans on the coronavirus pandemic, sponsored by both Healthier Colorado and the Colorado Foundation.

[*Best Practices for a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Health Systems*](#) is an article on *NEJM Catalyst* by national health care leaders who provide a guide to developing an action plan for health systems to prepare for the coronavirus pandemic, and successfully deploy a systematic plan with a focus on four critical elements (mitigating local transmission, supporting and protecting staff, eliminating nonurgent strains on the system, and coordinating communications).

[*Vox: How the Coronavirus Charts Can Mislead Us*](#) is a 5-minute YouTube video that better explains coronavirus charting.

[*We Asked All 50 States about their Contact Tracing Capacity. Here's What We Learned*](#) is an NPR story by Selena Simmons-Duffin who reports on survey results from 41 states and DC showing a total of 7,602 workers who do contact tracing with plans to scale up to 36,587.

[*Poll: Half of Americans Financially Affected by Coronavirus*](#) is an NPR story by Domenico Montanaro about all those impacted by this pandemic, and how the safety net has some really, really big holes in it.

[*Nearly Half of Americans are Struggling with Loneliness Amid Social Distancing, and Many Don't Know Where to Find Help*](#) is a posting on *Value Penguin* by Sterling Price about results from a survey designed to better understand how Americans are coping with the lack of social interactions.

[*CDC: Homelessness a Key COVID-19 Social Determinant of Health*](#) is a story on *Patient Engagement HIT* by Sara Heath about new data that showed varying COVID-19 spread in homeless shelters across the country, but underscored the impact the social determinants of health have on the disease spread.

[*Upward mobility may be good for your wallet, but health problems may follow*](#) is a posting on *ABC News* by Dr. Nancy A. Anoruo about a study that indicates upward mobility may put you at higher risk for health problems.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

Read about the varying types of partnerships that take root in health

organizations and clinics on the [National Center for Medical Legal Partnership](#) site.

[*I can't imagine practicing medicine without a lawyer*](#) contains several video stories from physicians who learned that having lawyers in their clinics was critical to providing care.



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