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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Colorado Primary Care Response: COVID-19, Survey Report #5](#), n=87 May 18-26. Responses related to questions about adult wellness and well child visits.

The results from the [Green Center's Series](#) 13 Quick COVID-19 survey are now available, n=586 clinician respondents from 47 states. More than half of patient/clinician conversations included discussion of racism-related events and their impact on health and wellbeing. Series 2 patient results (n=1,111) show that 9 of 10 patients surveyed feel racism in the United States has an impact on health, with 57% identifying racism as a public health concern. For those of you who wish to contribute to this week's survey (due June 15th), you can access the form [here](#).

[White Coats for Black Lives](#) organized a "kneel for justice" event last week where Anschutz Medical Campus colleagues gathered in solidarity in a call for racial justice and health equity. Dr. Regina Richards, director of the Office for Diversity and Inclusion, rallied participants to stand for systemic change and to refute systemic racism. John Reilly, CU School of Medicine dean, said in his weekly message that "the CU SOM is committed to better health for all, which means we are committed to diversity, equal opportunity, equal access to medical care, and the elimination of health disparities. We are committed to being a positive force for change in medicine and, in turn, society as a whole."

[New virtual community 'CareAsOne' launches to connect docs around changing healthcare](#) is an announcement on *Fierce Healthcare* by Tina Reed about a new platform aimed at providing a credible place for industry professionals to connect and share news and information around healthcare transformation and patient-centered care, led by Dr. Paul Grundy.

[Virtual Conversation: Black leadership in U.S. health care and health policy](#) will be a panel discussion sponsored by State of Reform June 19th, 1-2PM MT. Panelists include: Eric Hunter, President/CEO, CareOregon; Hon. Garnet F. Coleman, Member of the Texas House Select Committee on Statewide Health

Care Costs; and Dr. Demetria Malloy, Senior Plan Performance Medical Director, Anthem Blue Cross, California.

[*What the Numbers Show Us about COVID-19's Impact on Mental Health*](#) is a webinar sponsored by Wellbeing Trust June 18th, 11AM MT that presents data gathered by Trust for America's Health, Kaiser Family Foundation and the Robert Graham Center on the growing mental health impacts of COVID-19. Presenters include Ben Miller and Jack Westfall.



[*For Older People, Despair, as Well as Covid-19, Is Costing Lives*](#) is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Louise Aronson about how our approach to the pandemic is causing suffering and increasing deaths of old people. The author suggests what we might do differently to help bring purpose to these folks' lives.

[*'I have never felt so helpless': Front-line workers confront loss*](#) is a story in *The Washington Post* by Ariana Eunjung Cha and colleagues that chronicles how doctors, nurses, and first responders grapple with the enormity of what they've witnessed during the pandemic's first wave.

[*Quarantine has changed us – and it's not all bad*](#) is a story on *Vox* by Sigal Samuel about eight new habits people want to keep post-lockdown.

[*Developing a COVID-19 vaccine is just half the battle – you have to get Americans to take it*](#) is an opinion piece on *USA Today* by Katherine Milkman and colleagues who talk about a critical step that has been largely overlooked in making a COVID-19 vaccine available...that of making sure most of the population actually gets vaccinated.

[*'We're losing our kids'" Black youth suicide rate rising far faster than for white: coronavirus, police violence deepen trauma*](#) is a story on *USA Today* by Jayne O'Donnell about how the life stressors for African American youth, particularly those in income households, makes it even more amazing that these kids survive.

[*Public-Health Experts Are Not Hypocrites*](#) is a story in *The Atlantic* by Julia Marcus and Gregg Gonsalves about how health is about more than simply remaining free of coronavirus infection.

[*Older Adults Remain Isolated Despite Reopening These Programs Help*](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Mariel Padilla about volunteer efforts that have popped up across the country to help ease the lingering isolation of the pandemic among older Americans, creating connections and unexpected friendships.

[*How to Find Affordable Mental Teletherapy Now*](#) is a story on *Consumer Reports* by Rachel Rabkin Peachman about ways to navigate the process of

finding a therapist in times when folks need this resource more than ever, and what to do if someone can't afford therapy, and more.



POLICY EFFORTS

[*Industry Voices – Incarcerated people need health coverage to help stop drug overdose – and stem COVID-19 spread*](#) is a post on *Fierce Healthcare* by Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar and Kelly King about how recent events have underscored the urgent need for systemic policy changes that address disparities, not the least of which are the health risks when addiction and incarceration intersect.

[*Primary Care Practices Need Help to Survive the COVID-19 Pandemic*](#) is a post on *The Health Care Blog* by Paul Grundy and Ken Terry who write as if it's June 2022 about the very real possibilities ahead if primary care practices in the United States don't receive the infusion of government aid they need to survive.

[*A mental health crisis is brewing. Here's how governments can prepare*](#) is a post on *World Economic Forum* by Shivangi Saxena and Swarnima Bhattacharya who call to action governments to build mental health into their policy responses to the pandemic, and indicating the areas on which they should focus.

[*Racism is a public health issue in Anne Arundel County. Coronavirus pandemic shows what that means*](#) is a story in *Capital Gazette* by Lilly Price about how the Anne Arundel county health department (in Maryland) is studying and collecting data on how race and ethnicity affect health outcomes, a result of the decision last year to declare racism a public health concern.

[*The Man Who Started the War on Drugs*](#) is a story on *Ozy.com* by Seth Ferranti about how the ripple effects from Harry Anslinger's racist approach to the war on drugs in 1930s can be felt today.

[*The mental gymnastics of racism in journalism*](#) is an opinion piece in the *Indianapolis Recorder* by Oseye Boyd about how people tasked with being unbiased don't recognize their biases nor work to correct them.

[*An 'Unprecedented' Number of Coloradans Are Enrolling in Medicaid Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic*](#) is a CPR story by John Daley and Andrea Dukakis about the anticipated enrollment in Medicaid by nearly half of a million of people (40% spike), which is more than those who signed up under the ACA expansion (~400,000).

[*Improving Population Health Will Require Confronting Racism*](#) is a post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund President's Blog* by Christopher F. Koller, president, who discusses how "addressing racism involves looking at not just racist systems and institutions but our own conscious and unconscious racism.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[*What 1966 Can Teach Us About the Future of Primary Care: The Case for Communities of Solution*](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Robin S. Gotler, Larry A. Green and Rebecca S. that touts the value today of the National Commission on Community Health Services 1966 report to Lyndon Johnson, *Health is a Community Affair* (a personal care and community health framework).

[*The Biggest Psychological Experiment in History is Running Now*](#) is an article in *Scientific American* by Lydia Denworth about what the pandemic can teach us about how people respond to adversity. Because life has been upended at an unprecedented scope and speed, researchers see an opportunity to investigate the science of resilience in new ways.

[*Neighborhood Predictors of Outpatient Mental Health Visits Among Persons with Comorbid Medical and Serious Mental Illnesses*](#) is an article on *Psychiatry Online* by Dr. Benson S. Ku and colleagues about a study designed to identify individual- and neighborhood-level factors associated with outpatient mental health visits.

[*The Association between Income and Life Expectancy in the United States, 2001-2014*](#) is a special communication on *JAMA Network* by Dr. Raj Chetty and colleagues who measured the level, time trend, and geographic variability in the association between income and life expectancy to identify factors related to small area variation.

[*The macroeconomic burden of noncommunicable diseases in the United States: Estimates and projections*](#) is a research article on *PLOS ONE* by Simiao Chen and colleagues who developed/calibrated a dynamic model to assess how noncommunicable diseases will affect U.S. productive capacity in 2015-50.

[*The State of Teen Well Being: 60 Percent of Teens Not Flourishing*](#) is a post on the *Well Being Trust* site by Albert Lang about a new report that calls for increased public funding investment upstream to teen-focused health and well-being policies.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[*Medical-Legal Partnerships: Transforming Primary Care by Addressing the Legal Needs of Vulnerable Populations*](#) is a *Health Affairs* article from a few years back by Megan Sandel and colleagues that describes how MLPs can change clinical system, for example, by adding legal form letters to electronic

health records to help low-income patients rectify substandard housing conditions.

[MLP FAQs](#) provides answers to the most frequently asked questions about MLPs and the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership.

[*The Healing Potential of Medical-Legal Partnerships*](#) is a post on the *Bill of Health* site by Tamar Ezer that is part of a symposium from speakers and participants of Northeastern University of School of Law's annual health law conference a couple of years ago.

[*Interdisciplinary Program Spotlight: Medical-Legal Partnerships Bring Health Justice*](#) is a blog post on the *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health* site by Danya Keene who interviews Emily Benfer, a senior fellow at Yale Law School's Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy, to learn about MLPs and the award-winning "health Justice Project that Benfer founded and directed.



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