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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

The results from the [Green Center's Series 14](#) Quick COVID-19 survey are now available, n=763 clinician respondents from 49 states. Practices report feeling as though they have been forgotten or ignored, and >80% are experiencing high levels of burnout. Series 2 patient survey results (n=1,111 respondents) indicate that 47% have had contact with primary care in the last 8 weeks. For those of you who wish to contribute to this week's survey, it will be available June 26th.

[\*Beyond COVID-19: Improving Population Health, Public Health, and Health Care\*](#) is a call for papers by *The Milbank Quarterly* for original research that analyzes national or state-level policies and strategies in three broad areas: **population health, public health infrastructure, and health care** that can directly inform policymakers and policymaking in health and social sectors. Manuscripts will be accepted on a rolling basis July 1-December 31, 2020.

[\*Colorado Pragmatic Research in Health: Methods, models and frameworks for planning pragmatic research\*](#) is a two-day (August 11-12) national, virtual seminar sponsored by ACCORDS and the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute that will provide tools to help plan for real world impact.

[\*Happy + Healthy Hour: Don't Forget Your ZZZs: The Role of Sleep in Your Health and Immunity\*](#) is a webinar June 24<sup>th</sup>, 4-5PM MT presented by Dr. Daniel Bessesen, director, Anschutz Health and Wellness Center.

[\*Population Mental Health State of Science Conference\*](#) is a full-day virtual conference October 12<sup>th</sup> that will focus on integrated care, early prevention, mental health technology and health equity sponsored by the CU School of Public Health's Center for Public Health Practice.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[\*Will Primary Care Physicians Be COVID-19's Next Victims?\*](#) Is a commentary on *Medscape* by Dr. Kenneth W. Lin who interviewed Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, former head of the CDC , about his concerns of the depth of primary care troubles today.

[\*How Childhood Trauma Affects Health Across a Lifetime\*](#) is a Ted Talk by Dr. Nadine Burke Harris who talks about the single greatest unaddressed public health threat facing our nation today, ACE.

[\*The COVID-19 Pandemic and Colorado: The State Legislature and Public Health\*](#) is the latest newsletter from Dr. Jon Samet, Dean, Colorado School of Public Health, who discusses the 2020 Colorado legislative session and bills being sent onto the Governor for signature.

[\*Activism isn't just adults and teens. We need to teach younger kids to be activists, too.\*](#) Is a story on *Ideas.Ted.Com* by Caroline Paul that stresses the importance of involving our children in social change now if we want them to grow to be thoughtful and engaged citizens.

[\*PCC's June webinar: Behavioral Health and Primary Care During and After COVID-19\*](#) is a webinar June 29<sup>th</sup>, noon to 1PM MT sponsored by the Primary Care Collaborative designed to present some creative ideas that primary care in tandem with BH can help address now and as the country emerges from the pandemic. Speakers include Drs. Ben Miller and Jack Westfall and Kelly Davis.

[\*New Preparedness Handbook Details 5 Actions to Plan, Prepare and Prevent COVID-19 Surges\*](#) is a handbook for state leaders from the *United States of Care* to guide reopening safely during these pandemic times.



## POLICY EFFORTS

[\*Primary Care: A Gateway to Mental Health Care\*](#) is a post on the *Well Being Trust* site that discusses how primary care providers deliver most of the mental health care and provides some solutions for better care.

[\*Klobuchar, Smith Call for Permanent Expansion of Telehealth Provisions\*](#) is a story by Ashley Hanley on *KTOE* about how U.S. Senators Klobuchar, Smith, Schatz and Wicker in a bipartisan group of 30 are calling for the expansion of access to telehealth services for Medicare beneficiaries made during the COVID-19 pandemic to be permanent.

[\*Primary Care and the COVID-19 Pandemic\*](#) is a post on the *Commonwealth*

*Fund* site by Corinne Lewis and colleagues about how the pandemic has revealed how critical it is to invest in redesigning our primary care system, and policies that could help build capacity in the short term.

[\*Uniquely Similar: New Results from Maryland's All-Payer Model and Paths Forward for Value-Based Care\*](#) is an issue brief on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Mark Japinga and Mark McClellan about how states are more nimble in moving health policy than national payment models allow for, and what policymakers can learn from these programs.

[\*Mental Health Care Advocates Are Drawing on Lessons from Marriage Equality\*](#) is a story on *Medium. Com* by Katie Couric who discusses how Zak Williams and Bill Smith are expanding mental health care access via Inseparable, an organization they created to erase negative stigmas surrounding mental health.

[\*Medicaid Rolls Surge, Adding to Budget Woes\*](#) is a post on the *Pew Trusts* site by Michael Ollove about how states are pushing for more federal money so they can avoid an array of measure to cut Medicaid costs, from eliminating some of the optional benefits they now provide to reducing the already low reimbursement rates paid to Medicaid providers.

[\*The NYPD Currently Responds to Mental Health Crisis 911 Calls Advocates Have Another Approach\*](#) is a story on *Gothamist* by Caroline Lewis about a pilot program being proposed in NYC that would involve a team comprised of a mental health counselor and an emergency medical technician to respond to mental health calls, rather than police.

[\*Medical bias: From pain pills to COVID-19, racial discrimination in health care festers\*](#) is a story on *USA Today* by Jayne O'Donnell and Ken Alltucker about how COVID-19

[\*State Data and Policy Actions to Address Coronavirus\*](#) is a report that includes an interactive map published by the Kaiser Family Foundation that summarizes data and policy actions to address.



[\*COVID-19's Crushing Effects on Medical Practices, Some of Which Might Not Survive\*](#) is a piece in *JAMA Network* by Rita Rubin who cites data from multiple surveys/studies, including that from the Larry A. Green Center, which portends the closure of smaller practices accelerated by the pandemic.

[\*Stolen Breaths\*](#) is an opinion piece by Dr. Rachel R. Hardeman and colleagues posted on *NEJM* who write about “premature death, stolen lives and stolen breaths...the deadly exposure for black Americans.”

[\*Missouri Foundation for Health: Medicaid expansion would boost economy\*](#) is a story in *The St. Louis American* by Chris King who highlights findings from a new report from the above foundation and Regional Economic Models, Inc.

(nonpartisan, independent organization} that projects an increase of 16,330 jobs in the state from 2022-26 resulting from Medicaid expansion, increasing the state economy to \$2.5 billion in economic output.

[\*4-H Youth Mental Health Survey\*](#) is about a recent survey commissioned by the National 4-H Council to explore teens' perceptions and experiences around mental health. 1,500 diverse youth aged 13-19 years nationwide were polled. 81% said mental health is a significant issue for young people.

[\*Reducing Poverty Among Children: Evidence from State Policy Simulations\*](#) is an article on *ScienceDirect* by Jessica Pac and colleagues that discusses the variation across states of state social policy benefits, and how earned income tax credits (EITC) is the single most effective policy in reducing child poverty.

[\*What Being Trauma Informed Can Tell Us in This Time of Crisis\*](#) is a post on *Mathematica Progress Together* by Joe Baker and Amanda Lechner who talk about the opportunities this painful period in history provides to better understand the importance of trauma-informed care and to apply what we have learned on a larger scale.

[\*COVID-19 Tracking Poll: One-Third of California Primary Care Doctors Worry their Practices Won't Survive\*](#) is a story by Kristof Stremikis for the California Health Care Foundation about survey results that assessed residents' desire for COVID-19 testing, and their access to health care services (n=350 California primary care physicians).

[\*Facing a broken mental health system, many U.S. teens fall off a dangerous 'cliff' in their care\*](#) is a story by Megan Thielking on Stat News about how young adults aged 18-25 years are more likely than any other adult age group to report having major depression in the past year—but the least likely to have received treatment.

[\*The effects of social deprivation on adolescent development and mental health\*](#) is an article in *The Lancet* by Dr. Amy Orben and colleagues about the effects of distancing and isolation might affect adolescents, though how some negative effects might be mitigated due to widespread access to digital forms of social interaction through technologies such as social media. Though many questions remain unanswered.



[\*When Doctors Work with Lawyers to Improve Patients' Health\*](#) is a podcast on *The Commonwealth Fund* by Shanoor Seervai that discusses the concept of "public charge."

[\*ABA groups are working to promote and increase medical-legal partnerships\*](#) is a story on *ABA Journal* by Amanda Robert about partnerships in action that includes work on wills creation, guardianship issues, disability denials, landlord problems, domestic violence and more.



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