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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[\*Mind the Brain podcast\*](#) is a weekly series from the CU Department of Psychiatry. In this podcast, Dr. Neill Epperson, chair of psychiatry, and Dr. Joel Stoddard will discuss the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on child and adolescent anxiety.

[\*The Milbank Monthly\*](#) is the June newsletter from the Milbank Memorial Fund, an endowed operating foundation, that works to improve the health of populations by connecting leaders and decision-makers with the best available evidence and experience.

[\*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.

Dr. Regina Richards has been appointed Associate Vice Chancellor of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Community Engagement for the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. She will focus on expanding initiatives both on the campus and in the community with primary drivers of health equity, outreach and support.

[\*How Will Cuts to Colorado's State Budget Impact Communities?\*](#) will be an informed discussion about the drastic changes to Colorado's budget in 2020, and what lies ahead, hosted by the Colorado Health Foundation July 8<sup>th</sup>, 10-11AM MT.

[\*Ethics in the Age of COVID-19\*](#) is a webinar June 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:30AM MT sponsored by the Colorado School of Public Health and the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, and the Institute for Science & Policy that features Dr. Matt Wynia who will discuss a number of complicated ethical questions for society.

[\*The Commonwealth Fund Request for Proposals: Medicaid\*](#) requests a 2-page

letter of intent due July 31<sup>st</sup> for grants from \$50,000-120,000. Policy-relevant projects will address: 1) how to deepen our understanding of health disparities and achieve health equity, and 2) what impact has COVID-19 had on Medicaid beneficiaries, providers, and delivery innovations at the state level?

A blue banner with a silhouette of a diverse group of people in various colors (green, purple, blue) standing together. Below the silhouette, the text "COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION" is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[\*Devastated by Weather and the Pandemic, Western Slope Farmworkers Try to Hold On\*](#) is a story on *The Colorado Trust* site by Sharon Sullivan about the dire straits in which migrant farmworkers find themselves as a result of the coronavirus outbreak and the bud-killing spring freeze. Despite paying taxes, many undocumented immigrant families do not qualify for the 2020 stimulus checks.

[\*The COVID-19 Pandemic: The Collision of Race and Income Inequality\*](#) is a communication from Dr. Jon Samet, Dean of the Colorado School of Public Health and Farley Center steering committee member, who stresses how income and race have synergistically collided with the COVID-19 pandemic, as with past pandemics over the centuries.

[\*Hospital-based violence intervention program set to start in Aurora\*](#) is a story by Marc Sallinger for *9 News* about how the hours and days after a person is stabbed or assaulted can change the course of the rest of his/her life. Aurora plans to begin a strategy used by Denver Health to try and bring down its violent crime.

[\*Locking up people with mental health issues won't help. Here's what will.\*](#) Is a story in *The Seattle Times* by Naomi Ishisaka who discusses the growing movement for racial justice that asks what defunding policing and the criminal legal system could look like, she says we must talk about who is currently being incarcerated, for what reasons and what kind of interventions actually work.

[\*The Pandemic's Mental Toll: More Ripple than Tsunami\*](#) is a story in the *New York Times* by Benedict Carey who talks about how some health officials have forecast a steep rise in new mental health disorders, but that the impact isn't likely to last. Ripple or tsunami...the jury is still out.

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## POLICY EFFORTS

[\*Health Care Policy After the COVID-19 Pandemic\*](#) is an opinion piece on *JAMA Network* by Victor R. Fuchs who writes about how it would be a mistake to return to the pre-pandemic health care system during a presidential election year. And how it will be useful to distinguish between the challenges that are primarily technical issues and those that are political obstacles to significant

reform.

[\*The Kids Are Not Alright\*](#) is a blog post on *Children Now* by Lishaun Francis about anxiety, depression and racism while sheltering-in-place; and ends with specific areas that state policymakers should consider so that families, schools, and communities can meet the mental health needs of children.

[\*The pandemic makes it clear: It's time to finally address the mental health crisis in America\*](#) is an opinion piece in the *Business Insider* by Patrick Kennedy and Norm Gorin who say that despite the grim mental health statistics in our country presently, people are finally talking openly about their anxiety or depression with stigma seemingly a thing of the past.

[\*Public health experts are increasingly frustrated with America's lack of leadership on coronavirus\*](#) is a story on CNN by Eric Levenson about how lack of leadership, poor modeling, and political theory from the President and his administration have only done harm relative to managing this pandemic.

[\*Obamacare Must 'Fall,' Trump Administration Tells Supreme Court\*](#) is an NPR story by Mark Katkov about how the Trump administration reaffirmed in a filing with the U.S. Supreme Court today its position that the ACA in its entirety is illegal because Congress eliminated the individual tax penalty for failing to purchase medical insurance.

[\*The Moral Determinants of Health\*](#) is an opinion piece by Don Berwick on *JAMA Network* who discusses the underinvestment in actual human well-being. He suggests two possible sources of funds: 1) raise taxes to allow governments to improve social determinants, or 2) shift some substantial fraction of health expenditures from an overbuilt, high-priced, wasteful, and confiscatory system of hospitals and special care toward addressing social determinants instead.



[\*Survey: More Parents Hesitant about Influenza Vaccine\*](#) is a story on *Medscape* by Jake Remaly about results from a national survey conducted by Dr Ally Kempe and colleagues from the University of Colorado. Findings indicated that 6% of parents in the United States are hesitant about routine childhood vaccination, whereas 26% are hesitant about yearly influenza vaccination.

[\*The Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Outbreak and Mental Health\*](#) is an opinion piece on *JAMA Network* by Dr. Doron Amsalem and colleagues who discuss emerging data that suggests that this pandemic presents substantial risk for widespread mental health problems and psychological fear-related responses due to isolation and increased consumption of social media.

[\*U.S. Hits 2 Million Coronavirus Cases as Many States See a Surge of Patients\*](#) is an NPR story by Bill Chappel and Rob Stein about how infections are rising in at least 20 states and how Texas sets new hospitalization records, among the first to reopen. Arizona and Florida are seeing their own new surges,

reflecting a real increase in community spread.

[\*Primary Care Practice Finances in the United States amid the COVID-19 Pandemic\*](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Sanjay Basu and colleagues who attempted to estimate the potential impact of COVID-19 on operating expenses and revenues of primary care practices.

[\*Addressing the indirect effects of COVID-19 on the health of children and young people\*](#) is an article in *CMAJ* by Neil Chanchlani and colleagues who discuss how limited access to primary care and secondary health care, parental fear of seeking health care, daycare and school closures, employment and financial instability, and greater risk of exposure to adverse childhood experiences may lead to increased morbidity and mortality.

[\*How Many Uninsured Adults Could Be Reached If All States Expanded Medicaid?\*](#) Is an analysis posted on the Kaiser Family Foundation site by Rachel Garfield and colleagues who estimated how many uninsured adults, including those uninsured even before the pandemic and those who could become uninsured as a result of it, could become eligible for Medicaid if states that have not yet expanded the program do so.

[\*An Early Look at the Potential Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Health Insurance Coverage\*](#) is a post on *The Commonwealth Fund* by Sara R. Collins and colleagues about a survey that included a nationally representative telephone survey of 2,271 adults to provide an early look at how the pandemic has affected employment and health coverage.

[\*'A culmination of crises': America is in turmoil, and a mental health crisis looms next\*](#) is a post on *USA Today* by Alia E. Dastagir about recent studies that indicate Americans are the unhappiest they've been in 50 years.



[\*Medical-Legal Partnerships at Veterans Affairs Medical Centers Improved Housing and Psychosocial Outcomes for Vets\*](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Jack Tsai and colleagues that emphasizes the benefits to vets who have access to MLP services.

[\*Rural Medical-Legal Partnership and Advocacy\*](#) is an article from some years back in the *J Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* by James A. Teufel and colleagues about a study designed to examine the effectiveness and projected sustainability of a rural medical-legal partnership.

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