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# FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Suzzy and Maggie Roche perform \*New York City\*](#) released in the album "Ten Years On: A Collection of Songs in Remembrance of September 11, 2001."

[\*Your Local Epidemiologist\*](#) is a website that belongs to a scientist with a Masters in Public Health and PhD in epidemiology and biostatistics. The purpose of this site is to 'close the communication loop' by providing a direct line from science to the reader (translating for the public in this time of COVID-19).

[\*The Postal Service\*](#) is a 30-minute NPR piece about the role the U.S. Postal Service has played throughout American history.

[\*The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention\*](#) website celebrates national suicide prevention awareness week and includes stories of real peoples' struggles, advocacy programs, and latest statistics on suicide.

[\*COVID-19: The Search for a Vaccine\*](#) is a webinar sponsored by The Institute for Science and Policy, the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, and the Colorado School of Public Health Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30-9:30AM MT. Dr. Peter Hotez, dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, will discuss his own ongoing COVID-19 vaccine research in partnership with Texas Children's Hospital, asses the current state of clinical trials national, and discuss the controversy around the concept of her immunity.

[\*New CU Anschutz student collective advocating for Black people on campus and in the medical field\*](#) is a story in the *Sentinel* by Carina Julig about the campus's Black Student Collective, formed in June with a draft resolution that contains 25 action items for reducing racial injustice and a multi-year plan for implementing them.

[\*Bringin' it Backwards: Interview with Splitstep\*](#) is an interview with Matt Golub, of the rock collective, Splitstep, posted on the *American Songwriter* site. Matt is

a medical student on the Anschutz Medical Campus. The group's debut album contains a song, "The Shoulder" to help people understand the "me too" movement from different perspectives.

[Jennifer Villalobos](#) in the CU School of Public Health is recruiting providers and health care workers to test the feasibility of a mobile application for COVID-19 designed to support symptom tracking, monitoring, and reporting for infectious disease. If interested in learning more, contact Jennifer.

[March for Mental Health](#) is a 24-hour virtual march October 9<sup>th</sup> around the world in support of mental health.

A banner with a blue background. On the left, there are stylized human figures in various colors (green, purple, blue, pink) of different sizes, representing a diverse community. To the right of the figures, the text "COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION" is written in white, uppercase letters.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[What Ails America](#) is an article by Timothy Snyder adapted from "*Our Malady: Lessons in Liberty from a Hospital Diary*" who calls out how "part of our malady is that there is nothing in this country, not even life and not even death, where we take the proposition that "all men are created equal" seriously.

[Good Trouble](#) is a post to the STFM President's Column in *Family Medicine* by Dr. Tricia C. Elliott who highlights how racism is a health crisis, and that the time is now for family medicine to get in "good trouble" and answer the call to action.

['We Are Therapists. After 6 Months of Lockdown, We're Almost at Breaking Point'](#) is a *Newsweek* story by Drs. Jessi Gold and Stephanie Zerwas who talk about how the pandemic has shifted usual ways of setting boundaries in therapy.

[Colorado Could Soon Have 5 Different Color-Coded Levels of COVID-19 Protection](#) is a story by Alan Gionet for CBS4 Investigates about a draft proposal that would mean five different levels of COVID-19 protection in counties around the state that is simple and clear. Each level would have different rules, and is a way to balance how much impact the virus has with how much disease is circulating in a community.

[Key Takeaways from Our Conversations with 2,275 Coloradans](#) includes key findings that the Colorado Health Foundation staff learned from 20-minute interviews with more than 2,000 Coloradans about their opinions, experiences and priorities given today's challenges.

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## POLICY EFFORTS

[Diagnosis for small family doctors: Less money, greater hardship, and patients on video](#) is a story in *The Washington Post* by Christopher Rowland about how government loans and a shift to telehealth have plugged holes, but how deep

worries plague independent practices. And how the virus has forced a stark choice...adapt or shut down.

[\*The Rochester police chief resigns after Daniel Prude's death. But that's not the solution.\*](#) is an opinion piece by Dr. Ashwin Vasani about how we don't dispatch police to take care of people with heart attack or diabetic emergencies...why then do we for mental illness, which is also a health condition?

[\*Guest Commentary: Doctors in crisis deserve privacy as they seek treatment\*](#) is an opinion piece in *The Denver Post* by Irene Aguilar in response to a new "head-scratching" Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) rule that requires release of privacy information, which dramatically alters the Colorado Physician Peer Health program that has been so effective in supporting doctors and their well-being.

[\*Letter signed by 38 national groups\*](#) in support of Gov. Gavin Newsom's Senate Bill 855 that would make California a national leader increasing access to mental health and substance use disorder care by ensuring that health plans cover medically necessary care.



[\*2020 Public Perception Survey Results\*](#) are new national survey results that show how COVID-19 reinforces a renewed call-to-action to make suicide prevention a national priority. The Action Alliance, in partnership with others, conducted this survey to better understand the general public's perceptions on mental health, suicide, and suicide prevention.

[\*The Pandemic Is a 'Mental Health Crisis for Parents'\*](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Jessica Grose about how new studies show caregivers with young children are stressed, with no signs of relief on the horizon.

[\*Pandemic Financially Imperils Nearly Half of American Households, Poll Finds\*](#) is an NPR story by Yuki Noguchi who reports on a new survey by NPR, RWJF, and Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health that found nearly half the households in America indicate facing serious financial pain during the pandemic...a problem more acute in the four largest U.S. cities and among Latino and Black households.

[\*2020 Scorecard on State Health System Performance\*](#) is a state-by-state report measuring access to care, quality of care, health outcomes and health disparities across the United States by David C. Radley and colleagues for The Commonwealth Foundation.



## MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[\*Building a Statewide Subscription Model for Medical-Legal Partnership Services with Help from a Primary Care Association\*](#) is a Montana case study that looks at how the Montana Primary Care Association helped develop a statewide subscription model for MLP services.

[\*Leveraging the Electronic Health Record to Link Health Center Patients with Medical-Legal Partnership Services\*](#) is an issue brief from the Medical-Legal Partnership Fundamental Series by Mallory Curran, JD, that provides concrete examples of how health centers are leveraging the HER to complement their screening for the social determinants of health as well as to increase their capacity.

[\*Impact of a medical-legal partnership program on readmissions to a family medicine inpatient service\*](#) is an article by Emma James and colleagues that has not been peer-reviewed so should not be used to guide clinical practice, but reports new research that suggests that the presence of unaddressed legal issues may be a modifiable non-medical risk factor for hospital readmission.

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