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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[*We Are Unstoppable*](#) is a podcast that features CU Anschutz faculty and others in a new show from local sports radio hosts, Les Shapiro and Vic Lombardi.

[*Dental Faculty to Reintroduce Oral Health Preventive Services to the Most Vulnerable*](#) is a year-long project amid the pandemic when many school-based health centers are closed or in various stages of reopening. Drs. Deidre Callanan and Tamanna Tiwan of the CU School of Dental Medicine are working to reintegrate existing dental preventive practices that were suspended during the pandemic and offer guidance on the next level of preventive dental care.

[*Pandemic Sparks Push for Safer Office Builds*](#) is a story in the *Colorado Real Estate Journal* by Kevin Criss about how the pandemic has sparked new dialogue on how to improve tenant safety.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[*'Past the Pandemic' Supports the Mental Health of Frontline Healthcare Workers*](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz* site by Kiley Kudma about a new state-wide initiative launched by the CU Department of Psychiatry with support from federal grants to provide free mental health services including support groups to frontline workers.

[*9 things you can do to make working from home more joyful*](#) is an Ideas.Ted.Com story by Ingrid Fetell Lee who provides ideas for creating a workspace and routines that will make working from home a more joyful, sustaining experience.

[Here's the truth about CBD from a cannabis researcher](#) is an Ideas.Ted.Com story by Dr. Jeffrey Chen, executive director of the UCLA Cannabis Research Initiative, who explains the science behind the cannabis product.

[Struggles with mental health could get worse as winter looms](#) is a story in the *Boston Globe* by Hanna Krueger about how the symptoms of depression that are already rampant during this time of the pandemic will likely worsen with the onset of winter, and how preemptively developing healthy ways to adapt and cope will be critical.

[The Built Environment for Professionalism](#) is a commentary in the *JABFM* by Dr. Bob Phillips, director of the Center for Professionalism & Value in Health Care, who writes that, "Current leveraging of professionalism is a path to burnout and the alternative is to create a built environment for good care that also supports professionalism rather than taking advantage of it."

[Mental Health and Police Violence: How Crisis Intervention Teams Are Failing](#) is an NPR story by Eric Westervelt who writes about how nationwide protests over police accountability and racial justice have re-energized longstanding efforts to fundamentally change how police departments respond to someone in a mental health emergency.



[A huge number of Coloradans already say they won't get a coronavirus vaccine. Will politics make it worse?](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how liberals are most likely to say they will get vaccinated, but how distrust of the Trump administration could change that.

[How social inequality fuels political division](#) is a Ted Talk by Keith Payne, social psychologist, who shows how economic inequality changes the way people see and behave towards one another. He explains the rise of the political polarization that's slicing up society, challenging us to think twice the next time we dismiss someone for the sake of politics.

[Tell Governor Newsome to Sign SB 855!](#) is a Kennedy Forum tool kit on Senate Bill 855, a major mental health insurance reform bill that could impact millions.

[Behavioral Health: Actuarial Value, Integration, & Innovation](#) is a post on *The Medical Care Blog* by Jack Westfall and David Napoli who call out the need to build innovation into our behavioral delivery and payment models that should include both creativity and concurrent efforts focused on access to care.

[Use Vaccine Distribution Sites to Prevent Additional Deaths of Despair](#) is a commentary by Well Being Trust's Ben Miller, chief strategy officer, and Laura Blanke, senior policy associate, who propose using "point of dispensing" sites to provide both vaccination services and mental health services to the masses.

[Take Action to Save Lives: Tell Congress to Pass 988 Now](#) (#988CantWait) is

a template from Mental Health America to contact your congress person to pass 988, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act that would designate 988 as the easy-to-remember hotline number and authorize states to fund crisis services in the same way they do medical emergencies through 911.

[*Top health official echoes Trump's COVID-19 views, drawing accusations of politicizing U.S. mental health agency*](#) is a piece by Alison Insinger for *STAT News* that reports how Elinore McCance-Katz, SAMHSA administrator, has echoed Trump's talking points on reopening schools and businesses, angering current and former agency officials who say she is politicizing the office and reinforcing administration argument about COVID-19 that aren't supported by sound scientific evidence.

[*CMS withdraws MFAR from the regulatory agenda*](#) a tweet from Seema Verma, CMS Administrator.



[*Quick COVID-19 Primary Care Survey, Series 20*](#) provides the latest results from the Green Center/PCC survey about the status of primary care clinicians and practices as they navigate the challenges of the pandemic. Some modest gains have been reported but all signs point to how primary care remains in significant of support.

[*New Census Data: Anti-Poverty Agenda Must Address COVID-19, Young People, and Systemic Racial Inequities*](#) is a report from The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) by Hannah Matthews who writes that in 2019, even while the U.S. economy was considered strong by many economic measures, ~14% of children and young adults lived in households with incomes below the poverty threshold. She concludes that reducing poverty is possible and urgent.

[*Depression and anxiety during and after pregnancy may harm childhood development, study finds*](#) is a CNN story by Kristen Rogers who discusses how a recent study published in *JAMA Pediatrics* found that a mother's depression and anxiety from conception through the first year of the baby's life is associated with negative developmental outcomes through adolescence.

[*The State of Obesity 2020: Better Policies for a Healthier America*](#) is a report based in part on BFRSS data and an analysis by the Trust for America's Health that provides an annual snapshot of rates of overweight and obesity nationwide including by age, gender, race and state of residence.

[*Those designing healthcare algorithms must become actively anti-racist*](#) is a commentary in *Nature* by Kellie Owens and Alexis Walker who report that many widely used health algorithms have been shown to encode and reinforce racial health inequities, prioritizing the needs of white patients over those of patients of color. They call to action researchers in the field of AI to become actively anti-racist and provide concrete steps to enable anti-racist practices in medical research and practice.

[As COVID-19 Recession Extended into Summer 2020, More than 3 Million Lost Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance Coverage and 2 Million Became Uninsured](#) provides the evidence from the Household Pulse Survey, April-July 2020 on the RWJF site and is authored by A. Gangopadhyaya and colleagues. This analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data provides glimpse of those losing health coverage amid the pandemic-related recession.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Poverty Lowgorithms](#) is a guide for poverty lawyers that explains automated decision-making systems to help better identify the source of their clients' problems and advocate on their behalf. October 16th at noon MT Michele Gilman, the author of the above report, will be online with Prof. Meredith Broussard to discuss enhancing the digital literacy of poverty lawyers to better advocate for the low-income communities they serve. [Register here.](#)

[Eliminating Hurdles to Life-Changing Medication](#) is a story by Kate Marples and Erin Dexter for the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership's patients-to-policy story series published a couple of years ago relative to a policy change affected by the Whitman-Walker Health's MLP.

[The State of the Medical-Legal Partnership Field](#) is a 2017 report that calls out how clinicians hold a positive view of MLP services.



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