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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Serving the Underserved](#) is a heartwarming story on the CU School of Medicine website by Greg Glasgow that discusses the origins of Mango House, a home away from home for refugees on Colfax in Denver. It houses a medical clinic, a dental clinic, a pharmacy, an international grocery store, a Nepalese boutique and several refugee-run food shops offering authentic cuisine from Syria, Ethiopia, Sudan, Nepal, Burma and more. This 'village' was founded by CU SOM alumnus Dr. P.J. Parmar and graduate of the St. Anthony's North Family Medicine Residency. [Editor's note: I've enjoyed some amazing food and flavors here, Mango House 10180 E. Colfax Avenue, Aurora.]

[Implementing High-Quality Primary Care Webinar Series: Rebuilding the Foundation of Health Care](#) contains links to all five webinars that took place this summer under the auspices of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, which examine the current state of primary care in the United States and describe implementation plans to inform primary care systems around the world.

[Suicide Prevention Collaborative Wins National Award for Building Suicide Prevention Programs to Assist Veterans and their Families](#) is a story on the CU College of Nursing website by Deborah Sherman who writes about a partnership of the CU College of Nursing and its community allies that has been recognized for its achievements in suicide prevention among veterans.

[Stigma and Survival Paintings by William Stoehr](#) is an announcement from the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities about an art exhibition at the Art Gallery at the Fulginiti Pavilion on the Anschutz Medical Campus that opens September 16th, 4-7PM. The artist's work intends to normalize the discussion and to erase the stigma around substance abuse disorder.

[Confronting a New Challenge](#) is this week's title of Ben Miller's newsletter in

which he cautions what/how we communicate during this suicide prevention awareness month.

[Past the Pandemic: Mental Well-being for You and Your Patients](#) is an ECHO series (six sessions September 21-October 26 from noon to 1PM MT) that offers strategies to navigate, normalize and hold space for worries and experiences during this pandemic.

[A year abroad, summer internships and yoga: Amelie Nkodo's path to become a physician-scientist](#) is a heartwarming story posted on the VCU website by Laura Ingles who describes how Amelie Nkodo, who was guided by curiosity, determination and dedicated mentors...though once told she wasn't cut out for medical school...has found her place. A second-year medical student at VCU, she will be conducting research with Dr. Becca Etz at the Green Center describes Amelie as someone to watch.



[Revitalizing the U.S. Primary Care Infrastructure](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Kevin Grumbach and colleagues who emphasize that an infrastructure investment plan is essential and should include oversight, tools, and resources for rebuilding primary care, with clear accountability vested in a single council and an overarching goal of achieving health equity.

['A perfect storm': Challenges of life in Appalachian Ohio affect children's mental health](#) is a story in *The Columbus Dispatch* by Ceili Doyle who writes about a project that reviews how COVID-19 has affected the mental health of children.

[TikTok Creators Are Destigmatizing Men's Mental Health](#) is a story on *WebMD* by Lindsay Kalter who writes how "TikTok sensation Rod Thill" (one of several male creators) tries to break down the stigma surrounding mental health through his own emotional vulnerability.

[What's Keeping Working Parents Up at Night about the New School Year](#) is a *Forbes* story by Mark C. Perna who writes how keeping kids safe and dealing with the possibility of more remote learning are top concerns for parents as schools open around the country.

[Brandon Marshall will host a new show focusing on mental health in sports](#) is a story on *Pro Football Talk* by Mike Florio about how Brandon Marshall has become one of the NFL's pioneers as it relates to shattering the stigma regarding mental health.

[Colorado is expanding mental health support for teachers, students ahead of uncertain school year](#) is a story by Nicole Brady for *The Denver Channel* who writes about how two bills will provide support for both teachers and students. A call line for teachers through the CU Department of Psychiatry has resulted

in half of the calls from educators saying, “I don’t think I can continue.”

[Many Kids Have Missed Routine Vaccines, Worrying Doctors as School Starts](#)

is an NPR story by Yuki Noguchi who writes how COVID has interfered with usual immunization schedules for kids and why skipping or delaying them is dangerous.



[Gov. Pritzker Cements Mental Health and Addiction Care with Gold-Standard Mental Health Bill](#)

is a signing release that announces the successful campaign that advocated for commonsense mental health and addiction care was signed into law. HB2595 advances access and equity in mental health care intended to save lives.

[In Their Own Words: How Fragmented Care Harms People with Both Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder](#)

is a post on the *California Health Care Foundation* site by Susan Anthony and colleagues who emphasize how fragmented systems contribute to poor health outcomes, and how coordinate care is the clear solution.

[COVID Sets Stage for Biden to Tackle Addiction Treatment Access](#)

is a post on the *Bloomberg Law* website by Ian Lopez who writes how the Biden administration is spending millions of dollars on treatment efforts and has requested more than \$10 million from Congress to continue the fight into the next year, emphasizing its push to meet treatment needs specific to American Indians and other populations.

[‘We Sent a Terrible Message’: Scientists Say Biden Jumped the Gun with Vaccine Booster Plan](#)

is a post on the *Kaiser Health News* site by Rachana Pradhan about how the recent announcement from the Biden administration about getting a booster shot has fueled deeper confusion about what Americans should do, and is based on weak evidence.

[Weekly COVID-19 Stakeholder Update](#) is this week’s newsletter from the office of the Kansas Governor...a useful template for others.



[Reading the Waves: Summit Targets Pandemic’s Evolution](#)

is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Debra Melani who writes how the variants’ effects on infections, vaccines, and interventions alter the nation’s course in riding out COVID-19.

[What we learned in conversation with young people in a pandemic year](#) is a post on *Medium* by Tiffany Meshkat who writes about study findings conducted

at Crisis Text Line in partnership with Hopelab and Well Being Trust. Young people texted about more grief, eating disorders and anxiety and stress in 2020; bullying, depression, and suicidal ideation dropped significantly; anxious youths texted about COVID-19, schoolwork, and being awake; and young people were 45% more likely to contact the Crisis Text Line overnight in 2020 than in 2019.

[Many Americans Are Reaching Out for Mental Health Support – But Can't Get It](#) is an *NPR* story by Rhitu Chatterjee who writes about NAMI study results that show cost remains a major hurdle to accessing mental health care.

[The Uninsurance Rate Held Steady During the Pandemic as Public Coverage Increased](#) is a post on the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation* website by M. Karpman and S. Zuckerman who examined changes in health insurance coverage among nonelderly adults during the pandemic, using data from the Institute's Health Reform Monitoring Survey.

[A Strategy to Save Lives](#) is a Pain in the Nation report from Trust for America's Health and the Well Being Trust that provides a strategy to expand evidence-based efforts against opioid and alcohol misuse and rising suicide rates that includes prevention, early identification of issues and effective treatment.



[Medical-legal partnerships: How legal services can improve your health](#) is a post from last fall on the *VCU Health* website about an MLP (partnership between VCU Health and its community partners) in Virginia, and the services it provides.

[Opioid recovery teams benefit from the addition of lawyers](#) is an opinion piece on *Stat* by Gregory M. Singleton and Jay Chaudhary who write how folks in Indianapolis are clear that helping people with substance use disorders not only requires an excellent clinical team but also lawyers to help address critical social issues that arise for those in recovery.



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