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['Tis the season](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he presents some thoughts on mental health during the holiday season.

[Self-portrait of anxiety and depression: Teens' artwork paints dire picture of Colorado's mental health crisis](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Erica Breunlin about an art show from 35 young artists from Colorado, organized by two students who are members of the Colorado Youth Congress, that will be on display at the Museum of Contemporary Art in downtown Denver until December 10.

[Symposium 2023: The Ethics of Science Communication](#) is a free, full-day symposium December 6, 8:30AM to 9PM MT sponsored by The Institute for Science & Policy, a project of The Denver Museum of Nature & Science. The various sessions will explore the ethics of how we communicate scientific findings to serve the public and decision-makers as threats to trust in science continue to mount, suggesting where we need to rethink our communication strategy to be effective.

[Three Myths Hindering Advancements in Public Health](#) is a commentary from Dr. Cathy Bradley, dean of the Colorado School of Public Health in which she emphasizes how societal level interventions are needed to make us safer, saner, and stronger.

[Within Reason: A Liberal Public Health for an Illegal Time](#) is the title of Dr. Sandro Galea's latest book about how U.S. public health has strayed from its liberal roots. It's an exploration of the state of public health today, reflecting on why in the author's assessment, public health has strayed from principles of small "I" liberalism that have long kept us grounded in reason.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Learning from the Bomb](#) is a perspective piece related to the history of medicine by Dr. Barry R. Bloom in *The New England Journal of Medicine* that calls out how scientists and their ideas may be dismissed when the science runs contrary to the prevailing political agenda.

[Expert Untangles Complexities of Grief for Suicide Loss Survivors](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Laura Kelley, which suggests that embracing community and staying connected top the strategy list for healing.

[200 medical students participate in diversity training at CU Anschutz](#) is a *Denver7* story by Micah Smith about an immersive diversity training for future medical professionals to learn to communicate better with patients presented by the Center for Advancing Professional Excellence (CAPE) on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, with snippets of lessons learned.

[Tobacco and vaping rates are falling but products are still easy for teens to get their hands on](#) is a *CPR* story by John Daley and Tony Gorman about how 1 in 6 Colorado high schoolers use e-cigarettes and how, in many neighborhoods, it is easy for minors to buy vapes or cigarettes.



POLICY EFFORTS

[What Might a Second Trump Administration Mean for US. Health Policy?](#) is an opinion piece by John e. McDonough, professor of public health at the Harvard University T.H. Chan School of Public Health, in which the author details what is known about former President Donald Trump's potential health policy agenda and reviews policy recommendations from the Heritage Foundation, a conservative group that has shaped policy for prospective Republican presidential administrations.

[Prescription for Cash? Cash Support to Low-Income Families in Maternal and Pediatric Health Care Settings](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Margaret McConnell and colleagues that discusses how direct cash transfers to low-income families experiencing health challenges during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood could support caregiving, increase access and utilization of health care, and improve health outcomes.

[Denver's \\$38 million solution for youth homelessness triples shelter beds and looks like a college dorm](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about a four-story youth shelter, where residents will be grouped into “neighborhoods,” is scheduled to open this summer in south Denver... Urban Peak's new homeless shelter for teens and young adults up to 24 years. About one-third of those who have found shelter at Urban Peak were in foster care.

[Inconsistent state reporting requirements raise efficacy concerns about federal gun background check system](#) is a post in *The Journalist's Resource* by Clark Merrefield about how a published review by Dr. Emmy Betz and colleagues of state laws reveals a patchwork of requirements for court and other officials to follow, sometimes involving multiple state officials and agencies, when they report people at risk of harming themselves or others to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. The authors aimed to describe the current policy spectrum to encourage ongoing public discussion.

[Everyone should read the Washington Post story on damage caused by AR-15 style weapons](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Mario Nicolais about a horrific collection of photos, videos, and personal accounts documented by journalists of the devastation caused by mass shootings involving AR-15-style weapons in America. It is part of a larger series examining the weapon and its impact on our country.



[Community-Engaged Research – Essential to Addressing Health Inequities](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Consuelo H. Wilkins and colleagues that addresses the value of community-engaged research when prioritizing the needs of the people and communities facing health inequities.



[Supportive Transition Care for Foster and Former Foster Youth](#) is a webinar December 6, 12-1PM MT that will explore the critical role of school-based health centers as key access points for healthcare, social, and legal services, and provide promising practices for integrating

transition care services to improve outcomes for current and former foster youth.

[The Return on Investment \(ROI\) Calculator for Healthcare Partnerships to Address Social Needs](#) is a calculator available on *Health Begins* to help community-based organizations and healthcare organizations plan and develop sustainable partnerships to fund the delivery of social services – such as housing, food, transportation, home modifications, legal aid, and financial counseling – for people with complex needs. This tool will determine the savings a healthcare organization might expect as a result of a social service investment, also known as its ROI.

[The SDOH Academy National Webinar Series \(Part 2\): Fostering a Healthcare Workforce for Today's Social Health Challenges](#) takes place December 7, 1-2:30PM MT and will address the key strategies and best practices for developing and nurturing a healthcare workforce that can effectively meet the needs of today's social health challenges.

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