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[\*COVID-19 Vaccine Training\*](#) is a free online CME course for medical professionals that explores SARS-CoV-2 virology, vaccine development, mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccines and non-mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccines; and will allow you to best counsel your patients about these vaccines.

[\*Writing Proves a Therapeutic Outlet for Pandemic Stress\*](#) is a story posted on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Chris Casey about a writing program (Narrative Expressive Writing) launched by an associate professor at this campus to help professionals process emotions arising from these challenging times.

[\*CU's first Black nurse defied racism, withstood disease and made history serving others\*](#) is a story by Deborah Mandeville posted on the CU College of Nursing page about Zipporah Parks Hammond, CU School of Nursing alumni 1946, who with no role model, fearlessly blazed new trails for minorities then and today.

[\*Mental Health 411\*](#) is a new [weekly newsletter](#) by Ben Miller who will be discussing timely topics connected to mental health, and calling for actions to improve it. [\*How we got here\*](#).

[\*Project Associate, Suicide Prevention Resource Center\*](#) is a FT position that can be done remotely that is responsible for advancing specific clinical priorities in suicide prevention, including developing innovative resources, contributing to training materials, maintaining strategic partnerships, and convening key leaders in suicide prevention.

[\*Project Associate, National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention\*](#) is a FT position that can be done remotely and involves supporting national efforts to improve suicide care via system and policy change (engaging stakeholders and building partnerships) to advance elements of the Alliance.

[2021 Collaborative Black Health Summit](#) will be held February 26 and 27, sponsored by The Center for African American Health. This 2-day event will include a panel with members from the Black Democratic Legislative Caucus of Colorado and a presentation by Morehouse School of Medicine's National COVID-19 Resiliency Network.

A blue banner with a white silhouette of a diverse group of people of various ages and ethnicities. Below the silhouette, the text "COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION" is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[COVID-19 Cases Are Dropping Fast. Why?](#) is a story in *The Atlantic* by Derek Thompson who talks about four reasons this may be happening...social distancing, seasonality, seroprevalence, and shots; all involve a lot of messy arithmetic.

['Treating People the Right Way': CU Medical Residents Take Course in Health Equity](#) is a story by Tori Mason for *4CBS Denver* about a course in cultural sensitivity provided University of Colorado medical residents to help them bridge the health inequity gap.

[Young Coloradans discuss mental health and suicide in new MTV documentary](#) is a story by Sloan Dickey for *The Denver Channel* who reports on a documentary that aired on MTV this week about the depression and suicide crisis among young adults, and the importance of talking to kids about their thoughts of suicide.

[Podcast: Avoiding burnout, tending to mental health as pandemic enters year 2](#) is a post on the *Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis* website about how the "Show Me the Science" episode explores the need for healthcare providers and others to maintain mental health and exercise self-care during these trying times.

[Why Firefighters Are Facing a Growing Mental Health Challenge](#) is an NPR story by Nathan Rott about how alarming the mental and emotional toll for firefighters and first responders is, given how climate change is fueling more destructive, harder-to-control disasters like last year's massive wildfires.

A blue banner with a white silhouette of the United States Capitol building. Below the silhouette, the text "POLICY EFFORTS" is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font.

## POLICY EFFORTS

[The FDA's Experience with COVID-19 Antibody Tests](#) is a perspective piece by Drs. Jeffrey Shuren and Timothy Stenzel published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* about how this effort has marked the first time the federal government evaluated tests itself to inform FDA authorizations.

[Public policy and health in the Trump era](#) is a report from the Lancet Commissions that includes a rich compilation of history, health policy in the United States, comparison data with contemporary relevance, and laden with

contentious but plausible recommendations.

[\*COVID-19: The Time for Collaboration between Long-term Services and Supports, Health Care Systems, and Public Health Is Now\*](#) is a story posted in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Walter D. Dawson and colleagues about how COVID's heavy toll brings the failings of the long-term services and supports system in the United States into sharp focus.

[\*As the Biden Administration Begins Unwinding them, Medicaid Work Experiments Remain Unreasonable, Unnecessary, and Harmful\*](#) is a post on the *Health Affairs Blog* by Erin Brantley and colleagues about how evidence confirms that work requirements do nothing to address barriers to consistent employment, while imperiling the health of low-income adults and families.

[\*Landmark Legislation Will Transform California's Response to Mental Health Crises\*](#) is a post on *The Kennedy Forum* site about a bill introduced this week is positioned to ensure those in crisis receive the urgent care they need.

[\*After Biden nixes work requirements, Arkansas explores new path forward for Medicaid expansion\*](#) is a story on *Arkansas Nonprofit News Network* by David Ramsey who reports that AR will not request a continuation of its work requirements policy, instead it may request to shift to a new work "incentive" program.

[\*Valparaiso man pushes state bill to address mental health, addiction services\*](#) is a story in the *Chicago Tribune* by Alexandra Kukulka about a recovered drug addict who uses his experiences and that of others to draft and push for a bill to address mental health and addiction.



[\*Green Center/PCC Quick COVID-19 Primary Care Survey, Series 25\*](#) summary can be found here for the week of January 15-19, which includes policy recommendations.

[\*From Starvation to Overdose, Coronavirus' Hidden Toll Emerges in Colorado's Death Data\*](#) is a CPR story by John Daley about how the increase in deaths in Colorado in 2020 is indicative of a mass casualty event. Dr. Kyle Leggott, Farley Center associate faculty member, was one of several people interviewed in this piece.

[\*An Aurora clinic brings COVID-19 vaccine to communities at heightened risks\*](#) a story by Brian Willie and Mark Harden for Rocky Mountain PBS who write about vaccine skepticism in the community, especially among people of color and efforts being made.

[\*Enhancing the Capacity of the Mental Health and Addiction Workforce: A Framework\*](#) is a paper by Ben Miller and Anita Burgos that proposes three shifts that need to take place at the clinical, community, and individual levels; and focuses on laying out the framework and policy considerations to

reconceptualize workforce to enhance the overall capacity of clinics and communities in addressing mental health.

[\*How Poverty Makes Workers Less Productive\*](#) is an NPR story by Greg Rosalsky who explores a new study about how increasing the minimum wage and sending checks to Americans offers evidence for how such policies could help eliminate poverty.

[\*'I'm literally breaking inside'" As COVID19 leaves millions jobless and struggling, the mental health toll rises\*](#) is a story in *USA Today* by Charisse Jones who reports on the results from a new Pew Research Center survey. Among the millions of Americans who lost jobs during the economic downturn sparked by COVID-19, the toll on mental health is widespread.



[\*Health Rights Clinic Medical Legal Partnership\*](#) takes you to a Denver University site that describes and provides course materials for an innovative, interdisciplinary, medical-legal course that fully immerses law students into an advocacy role for underserved individuals and populations.

[\*Conceptualizing interprofessional working – when a lawyer joins the healthcare mix\*](#) is a paper in the *Journal of Interprofessional Care* by Nola M. Ries that extends conceptual thinking about interprofessional practice by focusing on lawyers as part of the interprofessional mix.



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