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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[*Challenges and Opportunities in Teaching the Legacy of the Holocaust to Health Professions Students*](#) is a panel discussion January 27th, 1-2:30PM MT co-sponsored by the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities, Harvard Center for Bioethics, The Lancet, AMA Journal of Ethics, and the Maimonides Institute for Medicine, Ethics, and the Holocaust.

[*How legacies of the Holocaust should inform health care*](#) is a post on the *AMA* site about how the January issue of *AMA Journal of Ethics* is devoted to orienting and reorienting contemporary bioethics to legacies of the tragic history of the Holocaust.

[*CU Anschutz COVIDome Project Aimed at Speeding Lifesaving Treatment*](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* website by Debra Melani who writes how researchers from across the Anschutz campus are joining to create an online portal to serve as an open science 'path to discover' stressing on how no two persons are the same.

[*Why They Do It: Inside the Mind of the White-Collar Criminals*](#) is a speaker event February 24, 2021, 3:30-4:45PM MT sponsored by the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Collegiate Program. Harvard Business School professor and author Eugene Soltes investigates how once-celebrated executives become white-collar criminals.

[*The psychological traits that shape your political beliefs*](#) is *TED Talk* by Dannagal G. Young, a social psychologist, who breaks down the link between our psychology and politics, showing how personality types largely fall into people who prioritize openness and flexibility (liberals) and those who prefer order and certainty (conservatives).

[*Healing Our Nation: State-Based Solutions for Connecting People to Mental Health Care and Addiction Recovery Services*](#) is a webinar February 1, 2021, 11:30AM MT hosted by United States of Care and Well Being Trust.

[The Confess Project](#) is a ribbon cutting event January 23, 2021, 8:30-1:30PM MT: “America’s First Mental Health Barbershop Movement Comes to ATL.” TCP is a partnership between The Confess Project and Atlanta leaders and organizations to provide Black and Brown communities with much needed mental health education and resources.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Fear, Distrust Overshadow Vaccine Decision for Some Hard-Hit Communities](#) is a post on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus website by Shawna Matthews who writes about how diverse group leaders are reflecting on the past while discussing the future of COVID-19 battle plan, and how distrust is born of tragedy.

[In two Colorado neighborhoods, even life expectancy is much diminished](#) is a story in *The Gazette* by Jakob Rodgers who reports on two of 80 neighborhoods (Globeville and Elyria-Swansea) rank in Denver’s top five for hospitalization rates due to COVID-19, and how the virus has only exacerbated tremendous challenges that existed there.

[Doctor inspires communities of color by sharing his COVID-19 vaccine photos](#) is a *9 News* story about how surgery fellow, Dr. Kweku Hazel and his wife, have devoted their lives to advocating for better healthcare for their friends, families and community members.

[Children’s hospitals see more cases of depression, suicidal thoughts](#) is a story in the *Atlantic Journal-Constitution* by Nancy Clanton about how many kids have lost vital resources for maintaining their mental health at a time when they need it most.

[Online sign-ups complicate vaccine rollout for older people](#) is a story in *Fox 23News* by Patty Nieberg and Suman Naishadham about the challenges that come with getting scheduled for the COVID vaccine faced by older folks.

[The Fight to Destigmatize Mental Illness](#) is a post on *Shondaland* by Vivian Manning-Schaffel who writes about how we’re more accepting of mental health illness than ever, but that we still have more stigma-busting to do.

[The rise of the fake commute, and why it’s good for your mental health](#) is a CNN story by Kristen Rogers who writes about the importance of established boundaries and routines for some that create forced pauses signaling the time to transition from one’s work identity to another identity.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Colorado's primary care practices are fragile and at risk of collapse](#) is an issue brief produced by the Farley Health Policy Center in collaboration with [The Larry A. Green Center](#) that describes the fiscal stress, challenges with supplies, and impact of COVID-19 on primary care providers and staff in Colorado and nationally.

[Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Urgent Need to Expand Primary Care and Family Medicine](#) is a commentary by Dr. John P. Geyman, printed in *Family Medicine*, who stresses how fundamental reform is essential to bring affordable health care that is accessible to all Americans, and suggests three main reform alternatives.

[AHA Supports Model State Legislation that Strengthens Behavioral Health Care](#) is a post on *Public Now* about how the AHA signed on in support of legislation that states can use to hold health insurers accountable for discriminating against those with mental health and substance use disorders by denying coverage of care.

[Trump Administration Tries Its Best to Knock Legs Out from Under Medicaid on the Way Out the Door](#) is a post on the *Georgetown University Health Policy Institute* site by Joan Alker who writes about the comprehensive way in which the Trump-appointed leadership of the DHHS and CMMS have sought to institutionalize their damaging changes to the Medicaid program.

[A New Investigation About Who's Getting Sick from Heat-Related Illness Should Be a Wakeup Call for America](#) is a story in *Mother Jones* by Sofia Moutinho and Elisabeth Gawthrop who reiterate that zip codes do determine health, and most of this because of structural racism.

[We Need to Talk about Another Pandemic Mental Health Crisis: Therapist Burnout](#) is a Forbes story by Jessica Gold who reports on a recent Gallup poll that showed American's assessment of their own mental health is "worse than it has been at any point in the last two decades." And how even before the pandemic, there was a shortage of mental health providers to meet the demand.

[The Youthful Movement that Made Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Rich Benjamin who writes in this moment made so dark by white nationalism and truth denial, Americans should look to the country's legacy of young leaders with forward-thinking wisdom.



['Probably All of these Cases Have to Do with Mental Health,' Says Researcher Analyzing Colorado's Extreme Risk Law](#) is a story by Leigh Paterson for *KUNC* about how University of Colorado researchers are analyzing court documents to better understand how the law has been used or misused.

[The Transition to Telehealth during the First Months of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from a National Sample of Patients](#) is an article in the

Journal of General Internal Medicine by Dr. Shira H. Fischer and colleagues about a national study of private health care claims, which found that telemedicine claims were 4000% higher in March 2020 than in March 2019, data that can inform post-pandemic policy.

[*Social Support in Teen Years Could Improve Later Mental Health*](#) is an article in *Psychiatric Times* by Miranda Hester who writes about how a study showed that perceived social support appears to help prevent the increase of mental health problems, at least over the course of a year.

[*A Population-Based Approach to Saving Lives from Deaths Due to Drugs, Alcohol, and Suicide*](#) is an excerpt adapted from “A Guide for Health Systems to Save Lives from ‘Deaths of Despair’ and Improve Community Well-Being” posted on the Institute for Healthcare Improvement site. The guide features recommendations for health care systems to improve mental health and well-being in the communities they serve, focusing specifically on saving lives from ‘deaths of despair.’

[*Colleges and Universities Need Campus-wide Culture Change to Better Support Students’ Well-Being and Address Mental Health Problems*](#) is a news release posted on *The National Academies of Sciences Engineering Medicine* site about a new report that calls on U.S. colleges and universities to take comprehensive, campus-wide approaches to address mental health and substance use problems more effectively among students, and to develop cultures that support well-being.

[*It’s Not Just You: Everyone’s Mental Health Is Suffering*](#) is a post on *Wired* by Eric Ravenscraft writes about how we’re all being affected by the pandemic, how those feelings are real, and points out resources available on the Mental Health America’s website.



[*Accountable Health Communities Model*](#) is a CMS tool that addresses a critical gap between clinical and community services in the current health care delivery system by testing whether systematically identifying and addressing the health-related social needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries through screening, referral, and community navigation services will impact health care costs and reduce health care utilization.

[*A message from our Co-Director: “Don’t be distracted. Don’t be discouraged. Keep fighting the disease.”*](#) Is a note from Bethany Hamilton, Co-Director of the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership, who shares her New Year wishes for the medical-legal partnership field, discussed the Capitol Hill riots January 6th, and remembers the lives and legacies of the late Dr. Jack Geiger, Co-Founder of the health center movement.



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