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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[African-Americans in American Medicine: Confronting a Painful Legacy](#) is an upcoming installment of the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities' series, "Intersections of Race, Class, and Health" March 22<sup>nd</sup> noon-1PM MT presented by Dr. Matt Wynia, professor of medicine and director of the bioethics center above who discusses the history of segregation, bias and exclusion that continues to adversely affect American medicine and patients.

[Songs of Remembrance](#) is a moving musical tribute on NPR to some of those who lost their lives to COVID-19...with songs they loved and why.

[Office of Strategic Initiatives](#) is a program created last fall by CU Anschutz Chancellor Don Elliman designed to implement a strategic vision and to monitor the success of key campus-level initiatives; as well as provide direction for campus-wide digital education activities and support partnerships and collaborations that strengthen each area of CU Anschutz's mission and vision. To attend upcoming virtual town halls, [click here](#).

[Mental: Fighting the fragmentation of mental health one policy at a time](#) is a new weekly newsletter produced by Ben Miller with updates about the latest science, current events, and politics and policy of mental health.

[Moral integrity and COVID-response workforce: innovations in addressing moral distress, injury, and resilience](#) is a panel discussion March 24<sup>th</sup>, 12PM MT sponsored by the Center for Health, Work & Environment in the Colorado School of Public Health and the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities about how we can acknowledge the challenges and build a more resilient workforce in the wake of the pandemic.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[\*How Inequity Gets Built into America's Vaccination System\*](#) is a story on *ProPublica* by Maryam Jameel and Caroline Chen about how getting to the front of the line isn't the same for all.

[\*When coronavirus attacked Colorado's health, it changed the state's health system forever\*](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Michael Booth who writes about speedy system changes brought about by the pandemic.

[\*How can we support teachers and their mental health amid COVID-19?\*](#) is a story in the *Los Angeles Times* by Ada Tseng who discusses the impossible situation faced by teachers during the pandemic.

[\*Students urge school districts to do more to address mental health impact of pandemic\*](#) is a KMOV4 story by Lauren Trager who writes how students in St. Louis, MO, are urging school districts to do more to address the mental health impact of pandemic.

[\*A Day in the Life: Psychiatrist Tackles Mental Health Crisis on NYC Streets\*](#) is a story covered by Erica Byfield for *NBC New York* who describes what a psychiatric service team of 10 people experiences on a daily basis (one of six teams in the area). Mental illness is in the forefront, evident in recent subway violence and random attacks that have led to calls for more police and mental health services.

[\*Chocolate Babies\*](#) is an essay in *Family Medicine* by Dr. Cleveland Piggott, vice chair for diversity, equity and inclusion in the CU Department of Family Medicine; who writes about the emotional toll and challenges faced as a new, young faculty member trying to navigate how to educate, mentor and lead in this newly created position.

[\*Why You Shouldn't Feel Guilty for Getting Your COVID-19 Vaccine\*](#) is a post on *Huff Post* by Julia Ries who interviewed Ben Miller, chief strategy officer of Well Being Trust, and Robert Amler, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice at NY Medical College, about reasons for eligibility and considerations when experiencing guilt.



## POLICY EFFORTS

[\*Primary care practices could be the Biden administration's secret weapon in the fight against COVID-19\*](#) is an opinion piece on *STAT* by Farzad Mostashari and Emily Maxson who discuss the Biden administration's [\*American Rescue Plan\*](#) that corrects a critical oversight in the previous administration's vaccine planning...[\*the exclusion of primary care offices\*](#) in the vaccination effort.

[\*Emergency Broadband Benefit\*](#) is a newly created FCC program by Congress to help households struggling to pay for internet service during the pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, healthcare services, and virtual classrooms.

[\*Developing Sustainable Community Health Worker Career Paths\*](#) is an issue brief posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Olenga Anabui and colleagues who discuss the idea of community health workers wanting to advance professionally as community health workers rather than as social workers and nurses, and their desire to take active roles in the design and leadership of pandemic and racial justice initiatives and policies.

[\*Kate Bingham: Why UK strategy on COVID vaccines has been a great success\*](#) is an interview with Kate Bingham, former chair of the UK Government's Vaccine Taskforce, posted on *Repubblica* by Stefanie Bolzen and Antonello Guerrera that discusses the secrets of UK success.

[\*Gun Storage Bill Advances at Colorado Legislature\*](#) is a CPR story by Megan Verlee who writes about how a bill to require Colorado gun owners to securely store their weapons (if they share their homes with children) passed its first committee Monday on a party line vote. Failure to follow this rule result in a misdemeanor.

[\*How to use opioid settlement money to save the most lives\*](#) is an opinion piece in *USA Today* by Michael Botticelli and Joshua Sharfstein who suggest now is the time to ask how the settlement money will be used to save lives during an ongoing overdose epidemic.

[\*Supporting States to Improve Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs during COVID-19\*](#) is a post on the *Health Affairs Blog* by Kate Honsberger and colleagues who recommend that states can strengthen systems of care for children with chronic and complex health conditions to optimally support children and their families during the pandemic.



[\*Linking Data on Constituent Health with Elected Officials' Opinions: Associations between Urban Health Disparities and Mayoral Officials' Beliefs about Health Disparities in their Cities\*](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Jonathan Purtle and colleagues who assessed whether the magnitude of income-based life expectancy disparity within a city was associated with the opinions of that city's mayoral official about health disparities in the city.

[\*Stockton's Basic-Income Experiment Pays Off\*](#) is a story in *The Atlantic* by Annie Lowrey who writes about a new study of a city program that sent cash to struggling individuals resulting in dramatic changes.

[\*Making It Easy to Get Mental Health Care: Examples from Abroad\*](#) is a post on *The Commonwealth Fund* site by Martha Hostetter and Sarah Klein who write about approaches that expand mental health services by other countries offer

the United States important lessons on prioritizing mental health...making care more convenient and scaling treatment approaches to help more people.

[\*Pandemic Pressures\*](#) is a story on *Inside Higher Ed* by Elizabeth Redden about survey findings from 21 countries about student mental health, student debt, perceptions of online learning and attitudes of those countries and student futures related to the pandemic.

[\*A Mixed Grade for COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout: More People See It as Effective but Frustration Is Still High\*](#) is a story on *Morning Consult* by Gaby Galvin who cites a New Morning Consult poll that shows 57% of adults believe the rollout has been effective, up from 39% in early January, yet 62% report frustration with speed and organization.



[\*Vanderbilt Geriatric Clinic Medical-Legal Partnership\*](#) describes an initiative that includes the geriatric faculty practice of Vanderbilt Internal Medicine and builds on an existing MLP efforts piloted by the Vanderbilt School of Nursing and Belmont College of Law.

[\*Child HeLP\*](#) describes the Cincinnati Child Health-Law Partnership that includes the Cincinnati's Children's primary care centers and the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati to help patient families resolve legal and social issues that often undermine the health and well-being of their children.



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