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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[World Family Doctor Day](#) was first declared May 19, 2010 by WONCA as a day to highlight the role and contributions of family doctors and primary care teams in healthcare systems around the world. This year's theme: Building the Future with Family Doctors! Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for us all.

[With a Treasure Trove of Data, CU Anschutz Gears Up to Strike Gold](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Debra Melani about how big data mining takes center stage in advancement of research discovery and patient care.

[Mental Health Poll: Assessing the Crisis During COVID-19 and Beyond](#) is a panel discussion sponsored by the Bipartisan Policy Center May 24<sup>th</sup> 11AM-noon MDT in which findings from a national poll assessing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the mental health and substance use crisis in America will be presented.

[Optimizing Virtual Integrated Behavioral Health](#) is a webinar sponsored by the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association and the National Center for Integrated Behavioral Health at Mayo Clinic June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1-2PM MDT featuring Dr. Neftali Serrano and panelists, Drs. Jeanette Waxmonsky, CU Department of Family Medicine and Mark Williams from Mayo Clinic. These folks will review recent trends, discuss the new opportunities that telemedicine brings to integrated behavioral health delivery and teaching, followed by a discussion with the audience about the promises and challenges going forward.

[New Strategies for Calming Your Pandemic Anxiety](#) is a story in *The Wall Street Journal* by Elizabeth Bernstein who writes about how a new book argues that anxiety can become a 'habit loop,' and offers ways to break it.

Inseparable is a new, growing coalition that fights for a future where mental health policy, no longer an afterthought, helps our country thrive. To commemorate Mental Health Action Day (May 20<sup>th</sup>), Inseparable is working to support the Mental Health Services for Students Act. To ask your senators to support this bill and advocate for mental health equity, [click here](#).



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Continuing a University of Colorado Legacy of Inclusion](#) is a WWII story revisited on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus site to keep an honest discussion going about the past, present and our commitment to inclusion at the University of Colorado.

[156,242 Too Many: A Look at Our Nation's Pain, Plus an Antidote for It](#) is this week's newsletter topic from Ben Miller (Mental: Fighting the fragmentation of mental health one policy at a time) that discusses mortality trends and solutions from a newly released Well Being Trust and Trust for America's Health report.

[Opioid crisis: 'When America has a cold, Black America has pneumonia'](#) is a post on *Yahoo! Finance* by Adriana Belmonte who discusses how the inequities that have been perpetuated in this country have been cumulative and generational, and how each year the structural problems are not addressed but only added on to broken systems.

[The Trevor Project](#) provides resources to LGBTQ youth nationwide who may not have anywhere else to turn to for help.

[Columbia Psychiatry Partners with New York Public Library to Support NYC Communities Hardest Hit by COVID-19](#) is a post on the Columbia University Department of Psychiatry's website that reports on an innovative partnership designed to assist NYC neighborhoods dealing with the mental health fallout of the pandemic.

[NYC's mental health crisis spans far and wide with few answers in sight](#) is a post in the *Daily News* by Larry McShane, Michael Gartland and Chelsia Rose Marcus who write about the lingering effects of the virus on the collective mental health of New Yorkers.

[Why Nike and its CEO are focusing on mental health](#) is a story on *Yahoo! Finance* by John Donahoe, Nike CEO, who writes about what he learned during the course of his career about taking care of himself and the value of asking for help.

[A Knitter, A Rock Climber and a Mixologist Teach Us How to Find a Hobby](#) is an NPR story by Nichole Perkins and Audrey Nguyen who write about how hobbies can ease anxiety and frustrations and provide immense pleasure during uncertain times.



## POLICY EFFORTS

[White Box Warning: Language matters in overcoming bias in healthcare](#) is a post on *The Medical Care Blog* by Yalda Jabbarpour and Jack Westfall who write how the nature of our medical research, presentation, reporting and publication has defined the values associated with colors.

[In Colorado, “If You’re Vaccinated, You Don’t Need to Wear a Mask,” Polis Says](#) is a CPR News story by John Daley who reports that Gov. Polis dropped the remaining mask requirements in the state last Friday for those fully vaccinated.

[Will the CDC’s latest guidance on masks encourage more Coloradans to get vaccinated?](#) is story on *The Denver Channel* by Liz Gelardi and Oscar Contreras who talk with experts about the recent CDC guidelines. Dr. Michelle Baron, medical director of infection and control and prevention at UCHealth, did criticize the way in which the CDC delivered its message...better framing could have included: if you’re going into a healthcare setting, wear a mask; if you’re immunocompromised, you should probably still wear a mask; if you have vulnerable people in your household, it still makes sense for you to wear a mask.

[Virginia unveils statewide program to increase access to mental health services](#) is a story on *WDBJ7* by Pat Thomas who reports on a four-tiered initiative designed to enhance access to mental health services among the commonwealth’s children and young adults.

[Financial integration of behavioral health in Medicaid managed care organizations: A new taxonomy](#) is an issue brief from the *Center for Health Systems Effectiveness* by Dr. John McConnell and colleagues about how states are moving away from behavioral health carve-out models to an “integrated” framework, using a taxonomy that depicts the variety of new arrangements states are testing out.

[Suicide and addiction-related deaths on the rise in Mississippi, mental health expert says people need better access to treatment](#) is a story on WCBI by Stephen Pimpo that includes an interview with Dr. Ben Miller who stresses the importance of intervention.



## RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[Primary Care Administering More Vaccines As Mass Immunizations Accelerate](#) is the most recent post on the Green Center blog that reports about how primary care continues to perform beyond its available resources, which includes being a key means for getting shots into Americans’ arms.

[The Trevor Project National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health 2021](#) provides data that sheds light on many of the challenges faced by many this past year by capturing the experiences of nearly 35,000 LGBTQ youth aged 13 to 24 years across the United States.

[New study finds alcohol consumption-related deaths up by 13% in Colorado](#) a story by Micah Smith for *The Denver Channel* about a Well Being Trust study that found alcohol consumption-related deaths have increased by 13% in Colorado.

[A Record Number of Americans Died of Drugs, Alcohol or Suicide in 2019, Report Says](#) is a story on *US News* by Chelsea Cirruzzo who reports that a record number of Americans died of drugs, alcohol or suicide in 2019, just a year before the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new report from Trust for America's Health and the Well Being Trust foundations.

[Mental health visits among vulnerable populations dropped significantly during the pandemic](#) is a story on Axios by Marisa Fernandez who reports that people insured with Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program aren't using mental health care services at the same rate as the rest of the population, as shown by new data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

[The Public's Perspective on the United States Public Health System](#) is a post on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation website provides survey results from the public regarding trust in health and health care, ratings of the job performance of public health agencies, trust in information from public health departments, understanding of different health and social issues that fall within the purview of public health departments, and public views on the biggest health problems facing the nation.



[National Center for Medical Legal Partnership](#) outlines the many partnerships between medicine and law throughout the country...hundreds of the nation's leading health organizations integrate patient-centered legal services into their care delivery to address their communities' health-related social needs.

[The Need](#) on the national center's site discusses how a person's health is determined by a lot more than high-quality health care services and personal behavior.

[Advancing MLP in Health Centers Learning Collaborative Part 1](#) is a session sponsored by the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership and presented by Bethany Hamilton, co-director of the center, on how to identify specific social determinants of health problems that need to be addressed, how to integrate legal services in the health care system, as well as determining funding sources.

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