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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[New initiative at University of Colorado connects climate, work, and health](#) is a post on *Climate in Health* by Francesca Macaluso and colleagues about a new research venture at the CU School of Public Health's Center for Health, Work, and Environment (CHWE) that focuses on the intersection of the workplace environment and consequences of climate change including heat, air pollution, altered precipitation patterns and water resources, and wildfires.

[Moral Distress in the Public Health Workforce](#) is a webinar September 13<sup>th</sup> 12-1:30PM MDT that addresses what happens when a health professional knows the ethically right thing to do but can't do it. The emotional state that results from this conflict is called "moral distress."

[Quick COVID-19 Primary Care Survey](#) is your link to participate in the 4-minute Green Center's September survey designed to better understand response and capacity of U.S. primary care practices to COVID-19. Responses due 9/14/21.

[Processing our Losses](#) is this week's newsletter topic from Ben Miller who talks about navigating grief when we're dealing with season after season of loss.

[Understanding and Appreciating the Capacities of the Community: It's our turn now!](#) is a virtual community engagement forum sponsored by ACCORDS & CCTSI September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12-1PM MDT. Two community partners will share stories about their relationships with CU research teams.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[The COVID-19 Pandemic: A bad week for the pandemic and for the planet](#) is this week's commentary from Colorado School of Public Health Dean, Jon Samet, who writes of the biggest challenges of the day as well as reports on a new task force of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health that he co-chairs, with the charge of addressing how its schools and programs can make a difference in climate change and public health.

[‘This is potentially preventable’: COVID-19 hospitalizations rise in Denver](#) is a *9 News* story by Victoria de Leon who reports on the current COVID hospitalization situation in Colorado, a situation that is mostly preventable.

[‘Hope Seems Short-Lived’: Colorado Doctors Search for Solutions to Increase COVID Vaccination Rates](#) is a *4 CBS Denver* story by Michael Abeyta who writes about the Colorado [governor's efforts](#) to equip family doctors with what's needed to administer vaccines.

[COVID-19 more prevalent in Colorado children than adults, officials say](#) is a story in *The Gazette* by Seth Klamann who writes about the rapid rise in pediatric COVID case rates, with infections for younger children hitting their highest rates of the pandemic thus far.

[Could the ways you cope with stress be undermining you? Here are healthier ways to respond](#) is a *Ted Talk* by Wendy Suzuki who discusses how “anxiety can shift from something we try to avoid and get rid of to something that is both informative and beneficial.”

[New Peer-Run Mental Health Program Aims to Reduce ‘Vicious Cycle’ of Recurring Hospitalizations](#) is an *NHPR* story by Alli Fam who describes “Step Up, Step Down”, a New Hampshire program for people in mental health crisis.

[Barbershops becoming new tool for mental health battle in Johnson City & beyond](#) is a post on *WJHL* by Michael Epps who writes about the Confess Project Barbers Coalition, among other groups who do what they do in hopes of impacting the mental health of boys and men in the Black community, targeting underserved communities with a history of disproportionate rates of death by suicide.



[Bennet, Cornyn Call on Congress to Drastically Reimagine America's Mental and Behavioral Health Care System](#) is a press release posted on Senator Michael Bennet's website about a new white paper that outlines his and Senator John Cornyn's vision for significantly reforming mental health in America considering the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Population Health and Human Rights](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Drs. Julio Frenk and Octavio Gómez-Dantes that discusses how at a time when countries face common threats of pandemics, climate change, and social inequality; the universal character of

human rights offers a shared opportunity to protect and promote the health of populations worldwide.

[Class-action lawsuit alleges Colorado is failing at children's mental health care](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown who writes about a lawsuit like the one in Illinois that forced that state to improve its mental health system for kids who qualify for Medicaid.

[A Major Shift Toward Home-Based Care is Underway in Connecticut's Long-Term Services and Supports Program](#) is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Martha Hostetter and Sarah Klein about how Connecticut and other states are working to rebalance the share of long-term services and supports (LTSS) spending to favor home- and community-based services over institutionalized care delivered in nursing homes and other facilities.

[Vaccine Hesitancy and the Decline of the American Experiment?](#) is an opinion piece in *The Milbank Quarterly* by David Rosner who writes that "epidemics are more than biological events...they are deeply social phenomena produced by the very societies affected by them."

[Primary Care Field Faces High Burnout and Renewed Financial Struggles, as COVID Relief Dries Up](#) is a story on *WBUR News* by Karen Brown that calls out the devastation for primary care during the pandemic, and the critical need for different payment models going forward.

[How to Help Doctors Get Mental Health Care: Change the System](#) is a *US News* story by Jennifer Feist and Corey Feist about the structural barriers that can prevent health care professionals from getting the help they need, leaving them to suffer in silence.

[Hennepin County makes \\$20M new commitment to mental health in pandemic](#) is a story in the *Star Tribune* by David Chanen who writes how Hennepin County is using federal funding to hire 36 staff and expand programs.



[Harnessing community voices to bolster COVID-19 vaccinations](#) is a post on the ACCORDS website by Laura Veith who writes about the innovative methods used by researchers to address vaccine disparities across Colorado.

[Measurement-based care in integrated health care: A randomized clinical trial](#) is an article in *APA PsycNet* by Barry L. Duncan and colleagues about a study that evaluated the use of measurement-based care in three integrated sites. If you'd like a PDF of this publication, please email [linda.niebauer@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:linda.niebauer@cuanschutz.edu)

[Improving COVID-19 Outcomes for Medicare Beneficiaries: A Public Health-Supported Advanced Primary Care Paradigm](#) is an issue brief posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Chad Perman and colleagues that discusses a study that examined the association between the receipt of public health-

supported advanced primary care services and COVID-19 incidence, hospitalization, and death.



## MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Colorado Clinic's Prescription for Healthier Patients? Lawyers](#) is a post on the *Kaiser Health News* site by Jakob Rodgers that highlights the successful efforts of health professionals and lawyers working together to make people healthier at the Salud Family Health Center's Commerce City clinic.

[Chairman Neal Announces Markup of Build Back Better Act](#) is a press release from Ways & Means Committee Chairman, Richard Neal, that includes putting an end to the idea that only some workers are worthy of 'perks' like paid leave, childcare, and assistance in saving or retirement with commitments of resources to support American workers facing hardship.

[Leveraging Health Center Medical-Legal Partnerships to Advance Community-Oriented Policing](#) is a webinar supported by HRSA September 30<sup>th</sup> at 12PM MDT that aims to provide a better understanding why community policing matters for health.

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