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[ColoradoSPH Dean selected for EPA's Science Advisory Board](#) is the announcement on the *Colorado School of Public Health* site that Dr. Jon Samet, dean of the Colorado School of Public Health and Farley Center steering committee member, has been selected for membership to the Science Advisory Board of the EPA. Congratulations, Dr. Samet!

[Mental Health Care in Flux: Exploring New Ways to Delivery Care](#) is a virtual conference October 29, 2021, 10am-1PM MT, co-hosted by Penn Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics and Penn Center for Mental Health to discuss innovative mental health care approaches and craft research and policy agendas. Ben Miller, President of Well Being Trust, will be the keynote speaker.

[Colorado State welcomes its first class of medical students in partnership with CU](#) is a post on the *Coloradoan* by Molly Bohannon who writes how Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO) welcomed its inaugural group of first year medical students this year.



[Vaccination rates are flat while COVID cases rise. Let's stop compromising with crazy.](#) is an opinion piece on the *Kansas Reflector* by Max McCoy who makes the case that personal freedom is not absolute. It comes with responsibility to the community.

[Latest modeling: Vaccinations can still prevent a large burden of disease if](#)

[Coloradans get at least one shot before Labor Day](#) is a post on the *Colorado School of Public Health* site about the release of an updated statewide modeling report showing the projected impact of increased vaccine uptake in Colorado by early September.

[Shave and a Haircut, Two Shots: NY Salons Jump into Vaccine Outreach](#) is a story on *Gothamist* by Jaclyn Jeffrey-Wilensky about innovative outreach efforts, and how folks are helping to bust myths playing out on social media and beyond.

[The COVID-19 delta variant and masks: Should you wear a mask again?](#) is a story on *UCHealth Today* by Katie Kerwin McCrimmon who writes how CDC experts are advising fully vaccinated people to wear masks indoors in places where the delta variant is spreading fast.

[Colorado Isn't Prepared to Deal with the Mental Health Fallout from COVID-19](#) is a story in *5280* by Shane Monaghan who writes about who has been most affected, and how local experts are trying to help folks cope.

[The pandemic has pushed children's mental health and access to care to a 'crisis point'](#) is a CNN story by Jen Christensen who writes how children's hospitals around the country are seeing a meteoric rise in the number of children who need mental health help.

[Oregon educators put mental health first for upcoming school year](#) is a story on *KATU2* by Katherine Kisiel discusses the Care and Connection Program developed by the Oregon Department of Education that is vested in creating the conditions that promote and support mental health because there's no hope for the business of education without it.

[America's mental health moment is finally here](#) is a story on *Vox* by Anna North about the cultural moment in which multiple high-profile athletes, have been open about prioritizing their mental health over someone else's definition of success.



[President Biden: Schools Should be Open in the Fall](#) is a 4-minute interview that Jonathan Lemire of MSNBC did with Ben Miller about the necessity for and our responsibility to get vaccinated.

[Mental health advocates seek crisis hotline expansion resources](#) is a story on *Rollcall* by Sandhya Raman who writes how advocates are working to get suicide prevention resources attached to an infrastructure/appropriations bill related to the new 3-digit National Suicide Prevention Line set to take effect July 16, 2022.

[Democrats' \\$3.5 trillion budget plan does have 'long road to go' with Medicare](#) is an opinion piece on *Rollcall* by Patrick J. Kennedy and Ben Miller who write about how Medicare has long marginalized mental health and substance use

disorders, and that needs to end.

[CVS offers in-person/virtual mental health appointments in the Tampa Bay area](#) is a story on *ABC Action News* by Wendy Ryan who writes about how CVS has hired licensed therapists to offer mental health appointments at their CVS Minute Clinics.

[Addressing America's crisis of despair and economic recovery: A call for a coordinated effort](#) is a Bookings policy paper by the Working Group on Despair and Economic Recovery that proposes a new federal interagency task force to address our nation's crisis of despair as a critical first step to sustainable economic recovery.

[Employee vaccine mandates have been legal since smallpox 116 years ago](#) is a KDVR story by Gabrielle Franklin who writes how vaccine mandates are not new and how Matt Wynia, director of the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities, reports that vaccination mandates are legal under U.S. law and under the US Constitution. This has been litigated repeatedly and essentially always comes up with the same answer.

[As the Delta Variant Continues to Spread among Colorado's Unvaccinated, Some Wonder if Vaccine Mandates Could Ever Happen – And if They'd Work](#) is a CPR story by John Daley who talks with Dr. Richard Zane, director of the CU Emergency Department, who is fed up with the lack of vaccination mandates, and how "health care is tiered."

[Dr. Ben Miller: "The IOC should turn words into action and provide onsite mental health support to the athletes"](#) is a story on *InfoBae* by Sebastian A. Fest who interviewed Ben Miller about the anxiety among Olympic athletes this year. Ben responded that we're seeing this especially now because we're still in the midst of a highly contagious and deadly pandemic. He believes the International Olympic Committee can do more to help athletes before, during and after.

[Detroit Once Tried to Privatize Public Health. Now It's Trying to Rebuild](#) is an NPR story by Anna Maria Barry-Jester who discusses the hard lessons from Detroit in the 60s and 70s, and the serious fallout from dismantling public health departments.



[Effectiveness of COVID-19 Vaccines against the B.1.617.2 \(Delta\) Variant](#) is an article in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Jamie Lopez Bernal and colleagues who used a test-negative case-control design to estimate the effectiveness of vaccination against symptomatic disease caused by the delta variant or the predominant strain over the period that the delta variant began circulating.

[Study: Mask wearing, hand washing protected CSU essential workers early in pandemic](#) is a post on *Source* by Anne Manning who writes about a study of

more than 500 CSU essential employees undertaken by a team of CSU researchers who set out to understand the benefits of health protocols.

[**Mirror, Mirror 2021: Reflecting Poorly**](#) is a new report posted on *The Commonwealth Fund* site that compares the performance of health care systems of 11 high-income countries. The research team analyzed 71 performance measures across five domains, drawn from international surveys and administrative data from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the World Health Organization.

[**Caregiving during the Pandemic Takes a Toll on Mental Health**](#) is an NPR story by Rhitu Chatterjee and colleagues who talk about findings from a recent study that found about two-thirds of U.S. adults who identified themselves as unpaid caregivers – people taking care of kids younger than 18, and/or adult loved ones – struggled with adverse mental health symptoms during the pandemic.

[**Pandemic Has Taken Unprecedented Toll on Mental Health of Children, More Support Needed**](#) is a post on the *Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center for Children and Families* site that discusses findings from the CDC's recent study, which adds to the mounting evidence that the COVID-19 pandemic has taken an unprecedented toll on children's mental health.



[**Legal Counsel: A Health Care Partner for Immigrant Communities**](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Rebecca Gale who worked with Dr. Louis Appel, chief medical officer of People's Community Clinic in Texas and Keegan Warren-Clem, MLP attorney, to correct misinformation and empower staff relative to the changes to the public charge rule sparking fears among immigrants.

[**"Not In Our Silos": Yale New Haven's Pediatric Medical-Legal Partnership**](#) is a story in the *Yale News* by Talia Soglin who writes about an MLP that was launched in 2013 and the connectivity between socio-legal issues and health.



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