How A Colorado Lab Is Stepping Up To Organize In The Fight Against COVID-19

“Well, what I would really like to study is the antibody response and the maturity of the antibody response,” said Kim Jordan, an immunologist at the University of Colorado Anschutz campus who is helping to find answers about the virus’ unique behavior. To learn some basic biology about this new coronavirus, patient samples have to get into research labs. The CU Anschutz campus has a lab — the Human Immunology and Immunotherapy Lab — that was collecting samples from patients with cancer before the pandemic.

KUNC, Aug. 10, 2020

Long after the fire of a Covid-19 infection, mental and neurological effects can still smolder

“It’s sort of like you’re trying to put out the fire and then a little bit later, you go look at the nervous system as the embers,” said Victoria Pelak, professor of neurology and ophthalmology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. “Because you are so concerned with the raging fire, you haven’t really been able to pay attention to the nervous system as much as you normally would.”

STAT, Aug. 12, 2020

At Least 97,000 Children Tested Positive For Coronavirus In Last 2 Weeks Of July

“I think it’s showing that, yes, kids can get infected and can spread the infection,” said Sean O’Leary, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Children’s Hospital Colorado and vice chair of the Committee on Infectious Diseases for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

KPBS (San Diego), Aug. 11, 2020
Study: Coronavirus cases in children rise sharply in the second half of July, with more than 97,000 infections

“It will be a little hard to sort out the degree to which a lot more kids are getting infected and the degree to which our testing capacity has gone up,” said Sean O’Leary, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and professor of pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Colorado. “What we can say is that it’s not particularly surprising given the large increase in cases we’ve seen nationally overall.”

Washington Post, Aug. 10, 2020

UCHealth, CU School of Medicine launch COVID-19 project to follow up with hospitalized patients

Danielle Davis, a third-year student at the University of Colorado School of Medicine says, "I hear a lot about isolation when I call patients who have been hospitalized with COVID-19. A lot of people report feeling lonely when they’re in the hospital and also lonely when they get home, feeling like other people don't want to be around them after they've had a diagnosis of COVID-19."

KRDO (Colorado Springs), Aug. 13, 2020

Ohio Governor Says His Flawed Virus Test Shouldn’t Undercut New, Rapid Methods

“I don’t think that DeWine’s results were surprising, per se,” said Andrea Prinzi, a clinical microbiologist and diagnostics researcher at the Anschutz Medical Campus in Colorado. “We know that the performance of antigen testing is not as accurate as PCR testing.”

The New York Times, Aug. 9, 2020

Pediatrician offers tips on getting kids to keep masks on during school day

“We wear masks to keep people safe and younger kids usually have a strong sense of empathy about that so I think it’s useful to explain the reasoning,” said Jessica Cataldi is a pediatrician and infectious disease specialist at Children’s Hospital Colorado.

Fox31, Aug. 11, 2020

Colorado’s struggle to improve school vaccination rates shows the challenges ahead for a coronavirus vaccine
When **Jessica Cataldi**, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and a practicing pediatrician at Children’s Hospital Colorado, was doing infectious disease work in Africa years ago, she noticed a difference in how many parents there thought about vaccines. “It’s a difference thinking about the risks and benefits,” she said. “People who see kids getting sick more often, they understand the risk from those diseases. When the diseases are less common, there is a shift to thinking more about the risk of the vaccine.”

*Colorado Sun, Aug. 11, 2020*

**Clear Face Masks Eliminate Frustration For Deaf, Heard-Of-Hearing Patients**

Health care workers wearing masks have also encountered the issue. One system where masks are essential is offering a “see through” solution. “It’s nice to see you,” said **Heather Holmstrom** on a Wednesday afternoon at UCHealth Family Medicine in Boulder. [Holmstrom is an assistant professor of family medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*CBS4, Aug. 12, 2020*

**Six children among nine shot at Denver park on Sunday**

“This is not something that's an easy fix,” said **Katherine Bakes**, founder of the violence intervention program based at Denver Health [and a professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “Especially for the kids, those are core memories who shape who they are.”

*Denver Post, Aug. 10, 2020*

**Dogs are biting more children during the pandemic, doctors say. Here’s why**

“Dogs can be amazing companions and enrich our lives in so many ways; however it’s important to remember that any dog can bite given the right circumstance,” commentary author **Cinnamon Dixon**, an emergency medicine physician at Children’s Hospital Colorado [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], said in a news release.

*Kansas City Star, Aug. 12, 2020*
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| **When Things Aren’t OK With a Child’s Mental Health**               | Maya Haasz, an attending physician in the pediatric emergency room at Children’s Hospital Colorado and an assistant professor at University of Colorado School of Medicine, brought up the vulnerability of children who already had mental health concerns, especially depression and anxiety, and emphasized the need for parents to ask children about their moods, mental health and low moments.  
*The New York Times, Aug. 10, 2020*                                   |
| **Worst Year For Overdose Deaths Feared As Fentanyl, COVID-19 Afflict Colorado** | “It can take weeks to months to a year for all of those symptoms to fully go away in someone, even after their medical condition is better,” said Thida Thant [assistant professor of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine]. Thant directs the consultation-liaison psychiatry service, as well as the Psychiatric Consultation for the Medically Complex Clinic, housed in UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital’s Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic.  
*Patch, Aug. 13, 2020*                                                |
| **Gitanjali Rao Is Innovating Kindness Through Tech**                 | Rao makes improvements until she gets results. And she isn’t afraid of mistakes, says Michael McMurray, an associate professor of cell and developmental biology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. McMurray supervises Rao in the university lab, where she tests yeast cells trained to produce the same human opioid receptor protein her Epione device measures.  
*Elite Daily, Aug. 7, 2020*                                            |
| **Amputees find lasting solution to an old prosthesis problem at UCH** | “The amputee can easily clip on and clip off their prosthesis, they can wear normal clothes, alignment of skeleton more closely matches before they have amputation,” said Jason Stoneback, director of the limb restoration program at UCH [and associate professor of orthopedics at CU School of Medicine].  
*9News, Aug. 12, 2020*                                                 |
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