Colorado kindergarten vaccinations were up pre-pandemic, but officials worry for coming year

Well-child visits are down since the pandemic hit Colorado, said Sean O’Leary, a professor of pediatrics on the University of Colorado’s Anschutz Medical Campus.

Greeley Tribune, July 31, 2020

‘A nightmare scenario’: Health experts prepare for flu season amid COVID-19

“The intersection of an influenza pandemic at the same time COVID-19 is circulating among the community is kind of a nightmare scenario for everyone, schools, clinics, hospitals, etc.,” said Sean O’Leary with Children’s Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine].

9News, July 31, 2020

Rural Colorado Shows How Vaccination Messaging Is A Science In Itself

Back in February at the Durango Public Library, Mandy Dempsey addressed a room of 14 future vaccine ambassadors. “The goal of this part is to get everybody on the same page in terms of their knowledge and understanding about adolescent vaccination, which is the reason why we’re here today,” she said. ... Dempsey is a professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado and a practicing pediatrician with Children’s Hospital Colorado.

KUNC, July 31, 2020
COVID-19 Hospital Data System That Bypasses CDC Plagued By Delays, Inaccuracies

“There’s either a difference in how we’re accounting or there’s a difference in how we’re reporting,” Stephen Cantrill, an emergency physician at Denver Health, a health care system in Colorado, [and associate professor of clinical practice of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “Is this a systemic issue or is this just a one state issue?” Cantrill says he’s been hearing from colleagues of data inconsistencies in other states, too.

WAMU (Washington, D.C.), July 31, 2020

Is it wise for CU Buffs, CSU Rams to pursue football as COVID-19 rages? “The glory days of college athletics may be over.”

“And that’s the key to this,” said Michelle Barron, a professor of medicine in the division of infectious disease at CU’s Anschutz Medical Campus. “I think that’s important, if we can maximize all we can do (off the field), or we can’t do it. That means, if (players) don’t follow the rules, you’re off the team for the rest of the year. There has to be some level of consequence for people who don’t follow the rules.”

Denver Post, Aug. 2, 2020

Is It Safe to Travel to See My Family?

In search of what I might call a more humanistic view on air travel in the time of COVID-19, I reached out to an unlikely source: an infectious disease specialist. Michelle Barron is the medical director of infection control and prevention at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

5280, Aug. 3, 2020

The Save and Unsafe Ways People Are Worshipping During COVID-19

It’s behavior that worries Michelle Barron, the medical director of infection prevention and control at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital. “I think unfortunately the whole mask thing and many of these things have become so politicized there’s certainly so much information out there that’s just terrible and it’s left a lot of people on the fence in terms of really understanding what’s at stake,” Barron told Healthline.

Healthline, Aug. 4, 2020
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<td>an attending physician in the pediatric emergency room at Children’s Hospital Colorado and an assistant professor at University of Colorado School of Medicine, said they are seeing injuries that reflect a summer of individual activity rather than team sports. Kids are out riding their bikes and their scooters, she said, but not always wearing helmets. “We’re seeing more significant head injuries,” she said.</td>
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<td>“Ordinarily, when we talk about getting rid of maternal gene products, we tend to focus on mRNA, or the coded information for making a protein,” says study co-author Olivia Rissland, assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular genetics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.</td>
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<td>“It’s called the interferon response; it is the aspect of the immune system that we use to fight off viruses, but we use it only when there is a virus. Whereas people with Down syndrome activate the interferon response constantly,” explained Joaquin Espinosa, Executive Director at Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.</td>
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**US News: The No. 1 hospital for cancer care by state**

Here are the hospitals that received the highest scores for cancer care in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia, excluding Wyoming. Hospitals in Wyoming did not make the *U.S. News & World Report* cancer rankings: Colorado: UCHealth University of Colorado Health (Aurora)

*Becker's Hospital Review, July 31, 2020*

**Hospitals with the highest US News rating for orthopedics in each state**

The publication examined 1,241 hospitals in the U.S. and gave them ratings based on several points, including 30-day survival rates, patient experience and nurse staffing. Here are the hospitals that received the top orthopedics in each state. Colorado: UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital (Aurora)

*Becker's Spine Review, July 31, 2020*

**Top hospitals for cardiology by state, ranked by US News**

*U.S. News & World Report* released its 2020-21 best hospitals rankings for cardiology and heart surgery last week.... Here are the hospitals that received the highest scores for cardiology and heart surgery in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia, excluding Wyoming. Hospitals in Wyoming did not make the *U.S. News & World Report* cardiology rankings. Colorado: UCHealth University of Colorado Health (Aurora).

*Becker's Hospital Review, Aug. 3, 2020*