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[Coronavirus: Colorado Health Officials Separate Fact From Fiction](#)

Many of you still have a lot of questions about the Coronavirus, referred to by health officials as COIVD-19, so CBS4 found experts, including **Charles Little**, Medical Director of Emergency Preparedness for UHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of emergency medicine at CU School of Medicine], to give you answers.

*CBS4, March 2, 2020*



[From rationing masks to polishing emergency plans, here's how Colorado hospitals are preparing for the coronavirus](#)

“That’s the way hospitals operate,” said **Michelle Barron**, the medical director of infection control and prevention at UHealth University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “We’ve got to plan for these things. There’s nothing special for (coronavirus) we needed to do in that regard because we do it on a daily basis.”



“The way that things are looking right now, we feel we are prepared to take care of patients,” said **Gaby Frank**, a physician at Denver Health [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*Colorado Sun, March 2, 2020*



### [During A Pandemic, States' Patchwork Of Crisis Plans Could Mean Uneven Care](#)

"You definitely don't want people making those decisions in the heat of the moment, when they haven't slept and they haven't eaten and there's no air conditioning," said [Matthew Wynia](#), director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus. "You make worse decisions under those circumstances."



"The overall goal is to do the most good for the most people," said **Stephen Cantrill**, an emergency physician at Denver Health public hospital [and visiting associate professor of clinical practice of emergency medicine for CU School of Medicine], who helped pen the first national crisis standard of care recommendations for states to use as a starting point. "This is a way of trying to give some structure, some uniformity and some clarity to those very difficult times."

*Kaiser Health News, March 5, 2020*



### [Denver Health on coronavirus: Wash hands, stay away from those with symptoms, continue daily routines](#)

"I'm not sure if you can get novel coronavirus twice," said **Heather Young**, DHMC's medical director of infection prevention [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. "Generally, people wouldn't get the same virus twice because your body has built up immunity to it."

*Fox31, Feb. 27, 2020*



### [Asking This One Question May Help Slow Down Coronavirus Outbreak](#)

Trish Perl, chief of infectious diseases and geographic medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, and **Connie Price** of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, write today in a [commentary Trusted Source](#) in the Annals of Internal Medicine that travel history should be collected alongside other routine patient information, such as temperature and blood pressure.

*Healthline, March 3, 2020*

### [As Coronavirus Spreads, Should Travel History Be in Your Medical Records?](#)

“The current outbreak is an opportune time to consider adding travel history to the routine. The COVID outbreak is clearly moving at a tremendous pace, with new clusters appearing daily,” said Trish Perl, chief of infectious diseases and geographic medicine at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. She wrote a commentary with **Connie Savor Price**, from the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*U.S. News & World Report, March 3, 2020*



### [Coronavirus Strikes Men, Older People the Hardest](#)

Generally, young children and seniors are the age groups most severely affected by influenza and other viral infections, said **Sean O'Leary**, an associate professor of pediatric infectious disease at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*U.S. News & World Report, Feb. 28, 2020*



### [Colorado Is Sold Out Of Medical Masks Due To Coronavirus Fears. Don't Worry, You Don't Need One](#)

“The reality is that people don't actually need the masks,” said **Michelle Barron**, medical director for Infection Control and Prevention at the University of Colorado Hospital on the Anschutz Medical Campus. “I think there's a lot of hype and a lot of, ‘Oh, we've got to have this, and we should go buy them,’ which is driving the fact that we don't have any now.”

*CPR News, Feb. 28, 2020*

### [Coronavirus Is Here: What We Know So Far](#)

And **Michelle Barron**, an infectious disease specialist at UCHHealth in Colorado, says that the virus can't survive in the conditions under which packages are generally transported. “The virus will either dry out or will die without the appropriate humidity and temperature it prefers,” she tells *Rolling Stone*.

*Rolling Stone, Feb. 28, 2020*

### [CDC guidelines on male facial hair goes viral amid coronavirus fears](#)

**Michelle Barron**, medical director of infection prevention and control at UCHHealth University of Colorado Hospital [professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], clarifies to Yahoo Lifestyle why the guide might not exactly be relevant to the general public in preparing for coronavirus outbreaks: “These CDC guidelines apply to healthcare

workers who wear respirators — not the standard masks for the public at large.”

*Yahoo! Lifestyle, Feb. 27, 2020*



[Colorado Changed Its Rules So Undocumented People Can Get Regular Dialysis. It's Saved Lives and Dollars](#)

“Doctor Lily” is Doctor **Lilia Cervantes**, with Denver Health [and CU School of Medicine]. She’s been treating dozens of undocumented people with kidney failure for years. Cervantes has seen the vicious cycle they have to deal with — going in and out of the emergency department. “They’re near death. You discharge them and they look completely different,” she said. “They’re able to participate in life, participate with their family, only to readmit them the week later.”

*CPR News, March 4, 2020*



[A decade into the opioid crisis, Colorado hospitals have changed the way they treat opioid-exposed babies. And it's helping.](#)

“People started thinking maybe that is not the most appropriate way to do this,” said **Danielle Smith**, a neonatologist at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, noting that the treatment prolonged hospital stays as well as the babies’ exposure to drugs.

*Colorado Sun, March 5, 2020*



[Hormone therapy, long shunned for a possible breast cancer link, is now seen as safe – and helpful – as a short-term treatment for most women in the throes of menopause.](#)

“As of 2020, hormone therapy is still the best way to relieve menopause symptoms,” says **Nanette Santoro**, chair of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Washington Post, Feb. 29, 2020*



[Aurora gives 1<sup>st</sup> OK to law making sweet kids-meal drinks an option, not the rule](#)

Health organizations say restaurants have been offering healthier options to children these days, but drinks are still a “challenge standing between families’ access to healthy meals,” said **Stephen Daniels**, the pediatrician in chief at Children’s Hospital of Colorado [and chair of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], in a letter of support.

*Sentinel Colorado (Aurora), March 3, 2020*



### [Proposed Ban on Flavored Nicotine and Tobacco Has A Money Problem](#)

Still, **Ricky Mohon**, a pulmonologist with the University of Colorado School of Medicine said some of the scientific literature suggests that if young people vape flavors, it will often lead to regular tobacco use. He said the bill could help prevent young people from taking up the habit. “This bill can make a difference, huge difference,” he said. “Because the flavoring is the hook (to start) and if the flavoring is not there, then there won’t be that incentive to get engaged.

*CPR News, March 4, 2020*



### [Variability the Norm for Support of Pediatric HSCT Patients](#)

When it comes to the decision when to revaccinate children who have undergone HSCT, and with which vaccines, “variability is the norm,” said **Donna J. Curtis**, from the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children’s Hospital Colorado.

*Medscape, March 2, 2020*



### [Behind the scenes in the biosafety office](#)

**Zachary Wilson**, assistant biosafety officer at the Anschutz Medical Campus of the University of Colorado, appreciates the fact that his salary is not tied to grant funding, yet he is still involved in analysing and shaping research projects....“I didn’t want to study one protein in one bacterium for my entire life,” he says.

*Nature, March 4, 2020*



### [Allegheny County selects new health department director](#)

**Debra Bogen** will take the helm of the Allegheny County Health Department May 4 during a challenging time, with local air pollution, opioid and infant mortality problems already big public health issues, and COVID-19 looming on the near horizon.... Bogen earned her medical degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine and completed post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins University. One of the founders of the Mid-Atlantic Mothers’ Milk Bank, she has been an advocate for issues of maternal and child health.

*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, March 4, 2020*