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[COVID-19 reported reinfecting some people in Colorado](#)

“It’s alarming in the sense that they can possibly propagate the infection,” said Denver Health infectious disease expert, **Cory Hussain** [assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “(This means) you’re probably not immune to begin with...and we don’t know if you’re infective or not. And there’s a good possibility you are.”



“That’s not really a surprise to us,” said **Michelle Barron**, an infectious disease expert at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. “If you think about most of the respiratory viruses, how many colds have you had in your lifetime? A lot. And often it can be the same virus that infects you.”

*Fox31, Sept. 24, 2020*



[Post-Covid clinics get jump-start from patients with lingering illness](#)

“We need to think about how we’re going to provide care for patients who may be recovering for years after the virus,” said **Sarah Jolley**, a pulmonologist with UHealth University of Colorado Hospital and director of UHealth's Post-Covid Clinic [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine].

*CNN, Sept. 24, 2020*



### [Child deaths tied to covid-19 remain remarkably low, months into U.S. pandemic](#)

"I don't want people to get the impression that it's completely benign in children," said **Sean O'Leary**, vice chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics' committee on infectious diseases and a pediatric infectious-disease specialist at Children's Hospital Colorado [and CU School of Medicine]. "It's just that it's much, much less bad than it is in adults. "We've taken care of quite a few pretty sick kids with this illness," he added.

*Washington Post, Sept. 25, 2020*



### [From the COVID-19 front line: Experts discuss case control, testing, vaccine and more](#)

"Obviously, we would love to see fewer cases. There's no doubt about that. And, if we can flatten the curve even further, that's certainly ideal," **William Janssen**, section head of critical care medicine and professor of medicine in the division of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine at National Jewish Health [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], said during the virtual discussion Aug. 27.

*Healio, Sept. 30, 2020*



### [Study finds asthma may not raise risk of severe COVID-19](#)

That may not be the case, says **Fernando Holguin**, director of Asthma Clinical and Research Programs at the CU School of Medicine and pulmonologist at UHealth University of Colorado Hospital. Holguin led a study that looked at research data from 15 other studies of COVID-19 infections in people with asthma. His team found the airway disease may not be as high-risk as first thought. "Asthma is not likely something that raises the risk of having severe pneumonia from COVID," Holguin says.

*Fox5 Atlanta, Sept. 30, 2020*



### [Rules on Cornea Donations From Gay Men Prevent Sight Restoring Surgery: Study](#)

"With millions of people across the world in need of corneal transplants, these discarded corneas from gay and bisexual men could be used to address the shortage and safely restore vision to thousands of patients with corneal blindness or visual impairment," said lead author **Michael Puente**, an assistant professor of ophthalmology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*U.S. News & World Report via HealthDay, Sept. 29, 2020*

[FDA policy turns away thousands of potential cornea donations each year](#)

An FDA policy that automatically disqualifies men who have had sex with men in the preceding 5 years from donating corneas cost eye banks an estimated 1,600 donated corneas in 2018. “A 5-year MSM deferral policy is not justified by current evidence. We believe the 1,600 corneas turned away in 2018 because of MSM status were turned away because of an antiquated policy,” **Michael A. Puente Jr.**, said at the virtual Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology meeting.

*Healio, Sept. 29, 2020*



[VERIFY: Are health care workers required to get flu shots?](#)

“Everybody that works in the UCHealth system, regardless of your role, has to get a flu shot every year,” said **Michelle Barron**, medical director of Infection Prevention and Control at UCHealth University Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “We’ve been very successful in terms of getting that done every year and our rates of compliance are 99% or 100% every year.”

*9News, Sept. 23, 2020*

[Health care providers term flu vaccine “more important than ever” amid COVID-19 pandemic](#)

“We are very worried you could get COVID and flu at the same time,” says **Michelle Barron**, medical director for Infection Control and Prevention at UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital on the Anschutz Medical Campus, and professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

*Colorado Springs Indy, Sept. 30, 2020*



[Colorado health officials: Flu vaccine is the best way to reduce dual impact of COVID-19, influenza](#)

Professor of Pediatrics **Sean O’Leary** with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus/Children’s Hospital Colorado said he recommends the flu shot to anybody older than 6 months....“Colorado is doing a bit better than the national average, but we still have a lot of room for improvement,” O’Leary said.

*Channel 7, Oct. 1, 2020*



### [Some Colorado Doctors Unsure Of Bad Air Quality's Long-Term Impact On Health](#)

**Anthony Gerber**, a pulmonary specialist at National Jewish Health [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], says the long-term effects of poor air quality in Denver are not clear. However, in the short term, he says these smoky conditions lead to greater risk of getting a viral infection. "How that translates to COVID-19, we don't know, but we do think in general your risk of getting sick or having other things happen are higher on these days when there's these particles in the air," said Gerber.

*CBS4, Sept. 28, 2020*



### [With Injuries Plaguing The Pros, What's The Injury Risk For High School Football In The Fall?](#)

"If that ramp up is faster than normal, as I think it would almost inevitably have to be with games scheduled three weeks from now, I think the injury rate does go up," said **Martin Boublik**, Denver Broncos head team physician and orthopedic surgeon at UCHealth Steadman Hawkins Clinic Denver [and assistant professor of orthopedics at CU School of Medicine].

*CBS4, Sept. 24, 2020*



### [Too much candy: Man dies from eating bags of black licorice](#)

"It's more than licorice sticks. It could be jelly beans, licorice teas, a lot of things over the counter. Even some beers, like Belgian beers, have this compound in it," as do some chewing tobaccos, said **Robert Eckel**, a University of Colorado cardiologist and former American Heart Association president. He had no role in the Massachusetts man's care.

*St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Sept. 25, 2020*



### [OPINION: CU's mini medical school goes virtual](#)

The change of season brings all sorts of fall festivities, time for family reconnecting, and the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical School's Mini Med School program. This program has been a local delight across western Colorado for years by being the perfect platform for community and youth education in rural Colorado.

*Montrose Press, Sept. 26, 2020*



### Pushing to the next level

UHealth Steadman Hawkins Clinic Denver and CU Sports Medicine helps patients recover and reach new heights.

*Health Facilities Management, Sept. 24, 2020*