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[Despite similar hospitalization rates, Colorado COVID-19 deaths are about 1/3 of what they were in May](#)

“In the span of about seven months, the whole world has come together to communicate and share ideas and perform clinical research and we’ve identified ways to improve outcome from patients in a very short period of time in terms of medical research,” explained **Marc Moss**, the critical care director at University of Colorado Hospital [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. “It’s unprecedented what’s happened. We still have a lot of work to do though.”

9News, Oct. 28, 2020



[Preventing COVID-19: UHealth Asking People Exposed To Virus To Try Regeneron Antibody Treatment](#)

“It’s only available through clinical trials so we have a chance to really evaluate if it works,” said **Brian Montague**, an infectious disease physician [and associate professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], who is leading one of those clinical trials.

CBS4, Oct. 26, 2020

[Colorado hospital opening clinical trial aimed at COVID prevention](#)

“Right now, we don’t have anything that we can offer people who are exposed and at risk for getting sick,” **Brian Montague**, an infectious disease specialist said.

Fox31, Oct. 27, 2020



[Denver doctor: Students are losing out on in-person learning because of community's failure](#)

Steven Federico, a pediatrician with Denver Health [and associate professor of pediatrics at CU School of Medicine], pushed back on that notion Wednesday during a call with the media and defended DPS for weighing the impact of limiting in-person school against the “real epidemiologic data” that shows rampant COVID-19 spread locally.



Bill Burman, also with Denver Health [and professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine], echoed that sentiment saying, “The responsibility for being able to safely reopen schools for all grades in our community is on each of us to do those perhaps somewhat tiresome but necessary basic prevention measures.”

Denver Post, Oct. 28, 2020



[There's an Ongoing COVID Outbreak at the Aurora ICE Facility](#)

“There’s an ongoing outbreak at the facility,” **Carlos Franco-Paredes**, an infectious-disease doctor associated with the [University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus](#), said during an October 26 virtual press conference advocating for the release of detainees, particularly medically vulnerable detainees, from the facility. “There’s not really any other way to protect them.”

Westword, Oct. 26, 2020



[People With Down Syndrome Face Higher Risk of Severe COVID-19](#)

“In people with Down syndrome, the immune system is over-reactive,” said **Joaquin Espinosa**, executive director of the Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

U.S. News & World Report, Oct. 27, 2020



[In rural America, resentment over COVID-19 shutdowns is colliding with rising case numbers](#)

For the fifth week in a row, rural counties witnessed a sharp increase in cases, to the point where over 70% of the nation’s nonmetropolitan counties had earned a “red zone” designation, suggesting local viral spread was out of control. The reality, though, is COVID-19 has never been “under control” in the U.S., write **Lauren Hughes**, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and **Roberto Silva**, Assistant Professor



of Family Medicine, both at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

The Conversation, Oct. 26, 2020



['COVID fear' is keeping Coloradans away from important health checkups](#)

“She is the poster child for what she’s been doing,” said **Radhika Acharya-Leon**, a medical oncologist at UCHHealth [and assistant professor of medicine at CU School of Medicine]. Acharya-Leon is McCumber’s doctor. She said McCumber should serve as an example for others who find themselves timid to return for exams, check-ups or even appointments.

Fox31, Oct. 27, 2020



[New Study Points To Invisible Killer Of Infants](#)

But pediatrician **Susan Niermeyer** says the air pollution problem is, by no means, exclusive to low-income regions or where people cook with hard fuels. “I think you can easily dismiss this finding as something that only happens to people who live far away in thatched roof houses and not to us,” says Niermeyer, a professor at the University of Colorado Medicine. “But air pollution effects *our* babies, as well.”

NPR, Oct. 27, 2020



[A Key to Healthier Adult Diets: Healthier Baby Diets](#)

“These early patterns of food acceptance lay the foundation for a lifetime,” says **Susan Johnson**, a professor of pediatrics and director of the Children’s Eating Laboratory at the University of Colorado’s Anschutz Medical Campus. “Early exposure to flavor appears to translate into better acceptance over the long haul. You come to like what you know.”

Wall Street Journal, Oct. 26, 2020



[Pediatric Antibiotic Prescribing Remains High in ED, Despite Testing](#)

The study, presented by **Suchitra Rao**, Associate Professor of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, showed a 12 percentage-point increase in antibiotic prescribing among children who test negative for a virus on an RRP test.

Contagion Live, Oct. 22, 2020



[High Sugar Intake May Worsen Depression, ADHD And Bipolar Disorder: Study Claims](#)

“Recent studies have shown that the reason fructose intake is strongly associated with development of metabolic syndrome is that fructose intake activates an evolutionary-based survival pathway that stimulates foraging behavior and the storage of energy as fat,” said lead author **Richard Johnson**, professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.

NDTV Food, Oct. 23, 2020